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Apprenticeship gives student Nathan a lift

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TV's Keith Lemon signs new book

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Live shows: X Factor's Alien Uncovered includes Natalie Kassanga, from Bletchley, *second from left*, whose path to stardom has been closely followed over the years by MK NEWS, *above*

Prepare for Alien invasion

BY SARAH LEE
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ALIEN Uncovered, the rainbow-coloured girl band starring on the X Factor, are through to the live shows – and MK NEWS is asking the whole city to get behind the group.

In an exclusive interview with this newspaper, Bletchley band member Natalie Kassanga revealed how her life has changed since being on the ITV talent show.

Described as the 'Spice Girls from Mars', Alien have continued to wow judges Simon Cowell, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora, as well as their mentor Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, throughout the audition process.

However, speaking to MK NEWS, 18-year-old Natalie says the competition has stepped up massively, meaning everyone is now on their 'A game' fighting for the public vote.

She said: "This is it now – we know everyone is going to be on their A Game.

"There are so many different types of acts and even though we are a little left field we want to keep on repping UK swag."

Despite assumptions that the band faces tough competition from rival girl band 4th Impact, Natalie says the only competitors the group have are themselves.

She added: "We set the bar universally high."

At the age of just 11, Natalie's talent was spotted by MK NEWS in its MK's Top Talent competition.

Natalie has been singing ever since she was eight and joined Stagecoach in Milton Keynes before taking to the stage in the West End's Lion King as young Nala from 2007 to 2008.

But now, Natalie has swapped public transport for black swanky cars to travel to London, where she now lives in the X Factor house.

She said: "The X Factor house is amazing – the main thing is we are now permanently together as a group so we can focus – I won't miss the long train journey late at night back to MK from rehearsals."

Natalie's mum, Mimi, added: "Natalie was told not to take public transport anymore. So when she had to leave Milton Keynes for the X Factor house on Sunday, she was picked up in a big black swanky car. I suppose this is her life now.

"I am so proud of her. I always knew she would do well in life and I'm just pleased she's enjoying herself."

When asked what the audience can expect from Alien in the live shows, Natalie said: "We intend to bring an Alien Invasion – expect the unexpected."

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Volunteer who saved woman's life wins award

A ST John Ambulance volunteer from Olney who gave life-saving CPR to a mum-of-four has been recognised at a special awards ceremony.

Justin Crook stopped his car and performed CPR, keeping Carmen Green alive until the emergency services arrived.

Mr Crook has now been awarded a Director's Commendation at an annual St John Ambulance award ceremony.

Mr Crook – who is a trained first aider with the charity's unit in Olney – saw Mrs Green lying next to her parked car as he drove past in September, 2014.

He stopped and found her husband already on the phone to the emergency services and trying to do chest compressions. Mr Crook then carried out life-saving CPR until the emergency services arrived.

Mrs Green, who was taken to hospital where she remained in a coma for two months, said: "One of the things the consultant treating me said was that I was lucky to be alive and I owe a huge thank you to those who gave me CPR and treated me in those critical minutes. Without my husband's, Justin's and the paramedics' efforts I simply wouldn't be here."

Mrs Green returned to her job as a PA at Transport Systems Catapult in late March, where she herself is a workplace first aider.

Hero: Justin Crook with Carmen Green

Grieving are hit again by rise in fees

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A FUNERAL director fears Milton Keynes Council is taking advantage of families in their time of need, by enforcing a hefty rise in the cost of bereavement services.

The price of cremations for adults will increase from £701.50 to £850, while the fee for a traditional standard interment grave will rise from £765 to £900.

The new rates come into effect on Monday and will be the second council-enforced increase this year.

Dominic Finch, a funeral director with Finch & Sons Family Funeral Service in Queensway, Bletchley, said: "I would like the council to empathise with families in such times of need. I'm worried they are being taken advantage of because they have to pay these rates.

"Obviously, when people come to us, these are the prices that we have to charge – our hands are tied. It is a massive leap across all of the bereavement services and we can't see any reason for it.

"The leap is unjustified and it is not in line with the prices of other crematoriums across the country."

Crematoriums in Amersham and Bedford (Norse Road) currently charge £535 and £647 respectively for standard adult cremations.

A council spokesman said: "Cremation and burial costs are often only a relatively small part of an overall funeral cost and for some time we have been moving our fees and charges in line with other local authorities and the private sector.

"We understand that this is a very sensitive subject, often at a difficult time for families and loved ones, so we need to ensure our service in this area meets their expectations.

"The council faces unprecedented financial challenges and ensuring our services are viable is important, but getting the balance right on our fees and charges is important and that is why we excluded increased fees for children and always will."

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No go: Mike Blay who was told to get off the bus because his pass was not valid until a minute later

Man one minute early to use pass

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A PASSENGER was told to get off an Arriva bus by the driver because it was one minute before his pass was valid.

Mike Blay, 63, who lives in Silbury Boulevard, was trying to get on the number five bus last Wednesday at 9.29am – one minute before his bus pass becomes valid – when he was told by the driver to get off.

Mr Blay, who used to work for the NHS, said: "I got on the bus at 9.29am and put my pass on the ticket machine and it was accepted, I started walking down the bus and the driver called me back.

"He asked me what time my ticket was valid from and I said 9.30am, then he said 'what time does it say on my clock?' and it said 9.29am. I just don't see what one minute is going to matter to anyone."

Arriva has apologised for the incident, but also defended the driver's decision.

A spokesman said: "While it seems petty for just a minute, the passes are not valid before 9.30am and so our drivers are not able to accept people before this time. We would like to apologise for any upset this matter caused."

Mr Blay also had another problem on the buses after he boarded one signposted for Bletchley, only to be dropped off at Central Milton Keynes train station, where he had to change buses.

A spokesman for Arriva apologised for the driver displaying the incorrect destination and for any inconvenience caused.

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of Milton Keynes Bus Users Group, said: "What I would suggest to anybody is to take the bus number down and time and an incident can be then checked."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Park flasher

A FLASHER exposed himself to two young girls on a redway in Fishermead on Thursday at 8.20am. Call 101 if you have any information.

Cigarette fine

TIFFANY Cobb, 25, of Thorn Close, London, has had to pay nearly £1,000 after dropping a cigarette butt near a bin in CMK. The case was heard at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday. See **onemk.co.uk** for more.

Lymphoma meeting

MILTON Keynes Lymphoma Association will hold a support group next Thursday from 2pm at the Peartree Centre. Call 0808 808 5555.

Tributes paid to tragic mum

A COMMUNITY in Greenleys has paid tribute to a mother-of-three who was found dead in her flat on Thursday.

Police and ambulance staff were called to the home of Susan Hartley, 53, in Drovers Croft at about 7.30pm after reports of an unexplained death. Police are not treating the death as suspicious.

Neighbour Katherine Moore said: "She was always happy and very bubbly – she liked to talk to everyone."

Emma Mercer , who also lives in Drovers Croft, said: "Sue was always smiling and laughing and we often walked home chatting about what she had done. She will be missed so much."

Sex attack on shop worker

A FEMALE member of staff at Marks and Spencer at MK1 in Denbigh was sexually assaulted by a man.

The woman was not injured in the incident at about 11am on Tuesday, October 13.

Police have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to interview. Karen Megeary, at MK Investigations Unit, local CID, has asked for anyone who witnessed the incident or who recognised the man to ring 101. To see the CCTV image visit onemk.co.uk

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Points about Agora

REFERRING to the letter from Marie Osborne and Mike Galloway (October 21) about the Wolverton Agora development, I wish to make the following points:

(1) The Agora will be replaced with a mixture of commercial premises, private and shared ownership and affordable housing in mostly three-storey high buildings.

(2) It may not be the 'best that it could be', but it is very good indeed and the product of considerable hard work by the developer and his architect to reflect local views and needs.

(3) They say it would not be acceptable in another older town or location. Why not?

(4) The situation with the CMK plan is not analogous. Ever since the development proposals were put forward the developer has responded to every demand for change and alteration from Future Wolverton and many others. In fact, he has bent over backwards. It is simply not true to say that the developer is ignoring the wishes of local people.

(5) What alternative is being offered? None. Has any other developer come forward with the money? No.

(6) The developer's proposals were strongly backed by the large majority of Wolverton and Greenleys Town councillors. Mike was one of the small minority against.

(7) What I saw and heard at the development control committee of MK Council was councillors asking lots of searching questions (as they rightly should), all of which were answered by the planning officers, before passing the proposals with only one member against.

(8) I really cannot understand the miffed tone of Marie and Mike's letter. The neighbourhood plan for which they correctly claim much ownership has been addressed throughout and its suggestions incorporated into the scheme. Brickhill's architect has been burning the midnight oil to respond to every single concern voiced by them.

(9) If their intention is to frustrate and delay the progress of the plan so that the developer walks away (as I suspect he might), then we will be left with nothing at all but the old Agora whose future use is in serious jeopardy for not matching up to modern fire regulations. Then they will be the two people who helped to bring about a No Future For Wolverton.

Mike Saunders
Sent via email

Policy needs shredding

IF WHAT Mr Durkhan has related (*Letters, MK News, October 14*) gives anything like a representative picture of current MK Council policy regarding what are called houses in multiple occupation then the sooner that policy is shredded and burned the better.

If those tenants had jobs and gave no trouble to either each other or to their neighbours then the council's invoking of Article 4 is utterly indefensible.

To blandly assume that each occupant needs a car shows a lack of common sense that calls into question their fitness to serve as councillors. After all, we have bus services and if the respective occupants are quite able to use these to get about the council must be living mentally in a world that vanished many years ago!

As it is, I have lived in houses in multiple occupation several times.

One time was in Coventry, a second time was in Watford and the third time was in Newport Pagnell, where the house had been adapted so that two of us could share it; without that last arrangement there was no way I could have moved up from Watford when my employer moved to the area. I didn't need a car then, and often walked all the way to work!

Barry Gowland
Sent via email

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

TO CELEBRATE half term this week, I decided to sample a great day out away from Milton Keynes.

A place where you'll find wild animals, a stately home and a fascinating glimpse of living history. No, not Woburn Abbey, but Longleat in Wiltshire.

Recently the subject of a fascinating BBC documentary, Longleat is the family home of Alexander Thynn, otherwise known as Lord Bath, and his son and heir called Ceawlin. Longleat was the first great stately home to open its doors to the public in 1949 – and arguably the inspiration for our more local Woburn Abbey. This was purely for commercial reasons, but has allowed the house to stay under the ownership and control of the Thynn family ever since.

Inspired by the BBC show, I decided to experience for myself a day in the life of Longeat – and I wasn't disappointed.

Starting with an incredible tour of the house, which dates back to the late 15th century, the antiques, treasures and family heirlooms are quite simply breathtaking. The enormous grounds of Longleat are also home to Britain's first purpose built drive-through safari park that opened in 1966 – Woburn's safari park didn't open until 1970.

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Cabinet member fails to turn up

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A PUBLIC meeting to discuss parking and transport in Central Milton Keynes sparked outrage when the council cabinet member responsible failed to attend.

Councillor Matt Clifton – the cabinet member for economic growth and inward investment – had been due to be on a panel answering the public's questions about the future of parking and transport in the city.

The public meeting came shortly after Conservative councillor Alex Walker challenged a previous decision, which would have seen more than 300 standard parking spaces become premium rate spaces.

On the original decision, Cllr Walker said: "We all know we need more parking spaces. But this is a poor and disingenuous way of doing it. Residents and visitors to the shopping centre have just seen prices go up, I don't think they will want to see even more spaces go up in price."

During Monday night's meeting, the panel members and public discussed parking spaces, potential park and ride schemes and the bus service.

But several members of the public felt the opinions they expressed did not matter as no-one from the Labour Party – which leads the council – was at the meeting.

Despite repeated attempts to contact him, Cllr Clifton did not respond to MK NEWS' requests for a comment.

Dr Rebecca Kurth, chairman of Central Milton Keynes Council, was one of the panel members at the meeting. She said: "If we get it wrong there will be a hollowing out of the city centre."

Cllr Jenni Ferrans, from the Liberal Democrat Party was another panel member. She said: "We have to be realistic about the problem – we have to get 40 per cent more people into CMK. We can't fit that in by car, there's no way."

Other panel members were Cllr John Bint from the Conservative Party, Alan Francis from the Milton Keynes Bus Users Group and Paul Griffiths from Age UK Milton Keynes.

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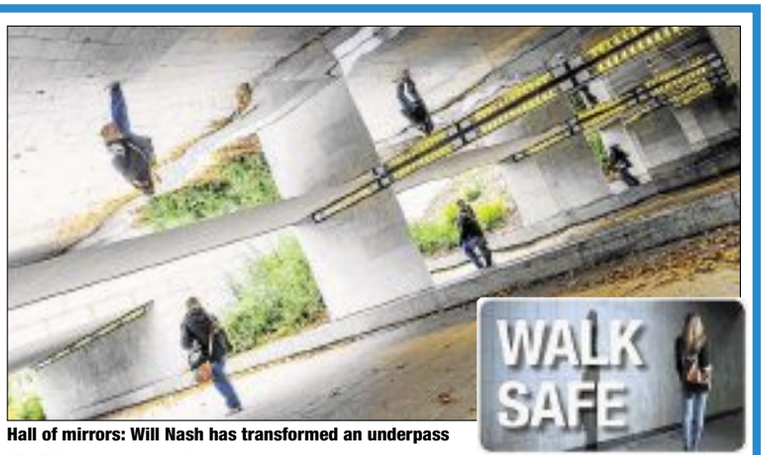

Hall of mirrors: Will Nash has transformed an underpass

Mirror images created by art

A PUBLIC artist has turned an underpass in Central Milton Keynes into a hall of mirrors.

Will Nash has transformed the underpass, beneath the junction of Midsummer Boulevard and Saxon Gate, in the first of four installations in a project funded by Arts Council England.

He said: "We are living in the age of the selfie, so it seemed to me that the opportunity to be surrounded by multiple reflected images of the self might be an appropriate and welcome metaphor for contemporary life."

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Priscilla Presley

PRISCILLA Presley will be on The Jonathan Ross Show to promote Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre, which will see her star as the Genie in the Lamp. The show will be on ITV1 at 10.25pm on Saturday.

Abandoned cars

FOUR people have been fined £2,000 each after leaving their cars abandoned around the city. Go to **onemk.co.uk** for more details.

Audi was stolen

BURGLARS stole a black Audi from a drive in Southwold Crescent, Broughton, on October 19. Phone 101 if you have any information.

Pedestrian dies in accident

A PEDESTRIAN died after an accident involving a heavy goods vehicle on the A509 near Milton Keynes yesterday.

The heavy goods vehicle was travelling between Chicheley and Olney when the accident happened at about 8.50am.

The male pedestrian was taken to Milton Keynes University Hospital by ambulance but died. His next of kin has been informed.

The A509 was closed in both directions while officers examined the scene.

Police are asking for witnesses to call 101.

Historic buildings are 'at risk'

FIVE historic buildings and monuments in Milton Keynes are at risk, according to Historic England.

Included in Historic England's heritage at risk register is Orchard House in High Street, Olney – a pair of 18th century houses converted into a single dwelling in 1904.

Also included in the register is the site of St Martin's Chapel in Emberton, which includes the buried remains of the medieval chapel of St Martin, the Roman town of Magiovinium and Roman Fort in Bletchley/Fenny Stratford, the Wood Farm moated site in Clifton Reynes and a Roman site in Olney.

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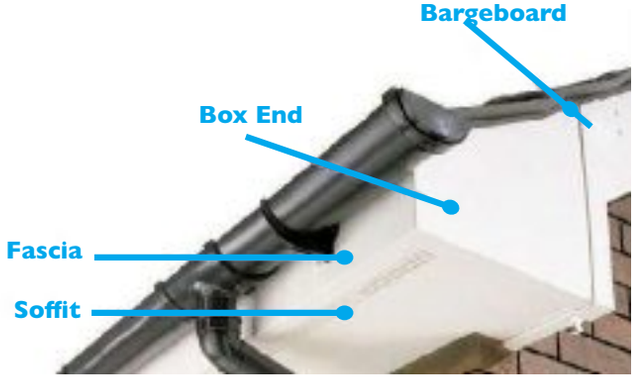

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Ball girl: Izzy Marshall, aged 15, was chosen out of 200 young hopefuls

Teenager to see stars of tennis

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A 15-YEAR-OLD from Middleton has been selected as one of 30 ball kids at this year's tennis Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at The O2 in London.

Izzy Marshall was one of 200 young hopefuls who were selected to attend trials in Manchester and London earlier this month, where the final Barclays Ball Kids squad of 30 was chosen. A full day of tests from ball skills, to athleticism and team work was undertaken before the final team was selected.

Izzy will join a squad of 12 to 16-year-olds from all over the country who will appear on court with players like Roger Federer and Andy Murray, in front of thousands of spectators from November 15-22, as well as millions of television viewers around the world.

The squad will undergo an intensive five-day Barclays Ball Kids Base Camp at the end of October to perfect their skills before the finals.

"I hope that being part of this programme will develop my confidence and self-esteem because I feel that many teenagers are lacking in this area," she said.

"Being confident is a very important attribute."

Nathan Homer, head of global sponsorships for Barclays, said: "Being on the court at The O2, with the world's best players, watched by millions, certainly teaches you a few things about working as a team under pressure and we have high hopes for all the youngsters who will learn new skills and have an experience of a lifetime."

LifeSkills, created with Barclays, is a free, curriculum-lead programme developed to help young people get the skills they need to enter the world of work, improving their employability. More than one million young people have already taken part.

Bogus school boss misses court date

A WOMAN who was found guilty of setting up a bogus business school offering university degrees, masters and PHDs failed to attend court again.

Tina Beloveth-Powerful, who was found guilty of publishing misleading details on the website for The Everest School of Transformational Leadership in June, was due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday on behalf of her company.

Since being found guilty Beloveth-Powerful has since missed a string of sentencing hearings – despite MK NEWS previously reporting she lives in Ascot House, North Third Street, only five minutes away from the court.

There is still a warrant out for Beloveth-Powerful's arrest. A spokesman from Thames Valley Police said: "Tina Beloveth-Powerful is still outstanding and officers are working to locate her.

"We are not commenting further on the outstanding warrant for her arrest."

As previously reported, the case of Beloveth-Powerful has so far cost taxpayers about £8,000.

Talks continue with users of The Buszy

MILTON Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) has confirmed no finalised plans are in place for The Buszy's future.

As it stands, Make a Difference will leave the building on November 13 following a row over revenue from the car park, despite the offer on an extension on the lease.

A statement from MKDP reads: "MKDP is already in contact with a number of Buszy users and is encouraged by the positive discussions that are taking place.

"We are asking other users to get in touch so that their needs can be discussed."

One hundred people marched to Milton Keynes Council last Wednesday to present a 96-page petition as part of the continuing campaign to save services at The Buszy.

At the council meeting, Kevin Vickers, chairman of Milton Keynes People's Assembly, said: "If it was acceptable for the car park revenue to fund the Buszy until now, what has changed?"

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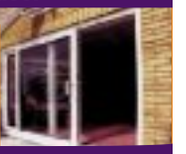

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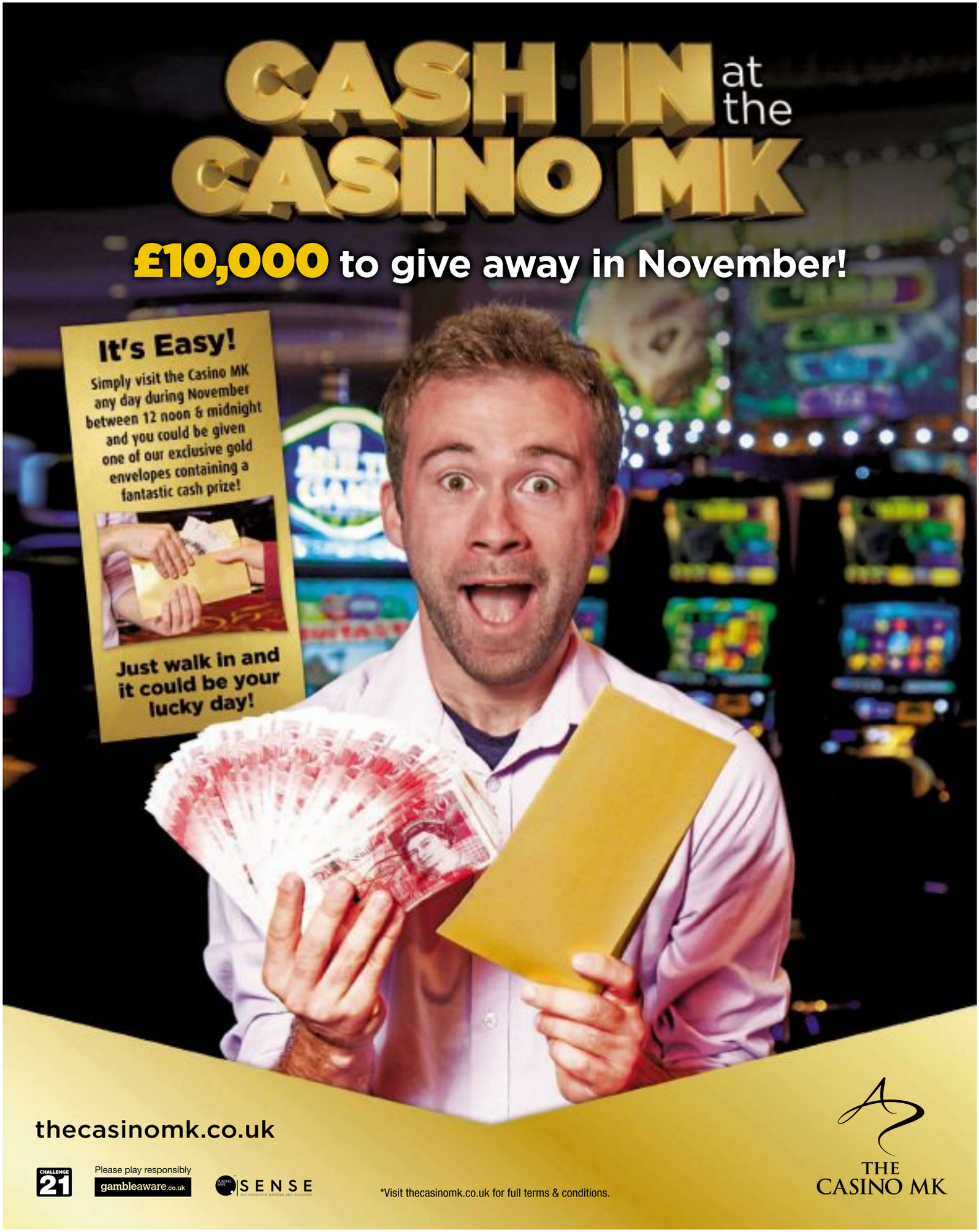
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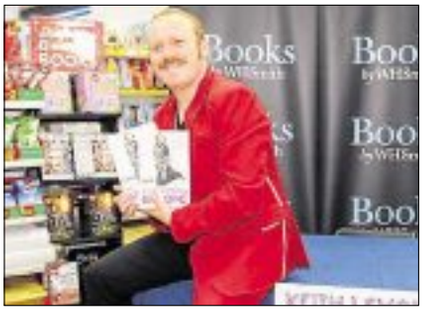

New book: Keith Lemon was at WHSmith

TV funnyman signs copies of new book

POPULAR television presenter Keith Lemon was at a city shopping centre signing copies of his new book on Friday.

Dozens of fans gathered outside WHSmith in the centre:mk to get a glimpse of the popular funnyman and speak to him as he signed copies of Keith Lemon's Big One.

The presenter of the popular ITV2 show Celebrity Juice has also taken over the reigns of the revamped Through The Keyhole on ITV1.

Disappointment over fans fight

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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SEVEN football fans were arrested after a fight broke out at the game between MK Dons and QPR on Saturday.

As the Dons slumped to a 3-0 defeat at Loftus Road, a fight appeared to break out in the away end.

The Metropolitan Police confirmed seven people had been arrested and bailed pending further inquiries.

A spokesman said: "One man was taken to hospital with facial injuries. Officers will be liaising with the Football Association and QPR in due course. Those arrested were visiting fans. All seven have been bailed pending further inquiries and are due back at various dates next month."

A statement from MK Dons said: "MK Dons are working with the police, the operations and safety team at QPR and other eye-witnesses to identify the facts behind the incident that led to a small number of arrests in the away section at Loftus Road on Saturday. The club encourages all supporters to express their passion and support for their team in a safe, secure and enjoyable environment and we are committed to preventing people from behaving in a manner likely to jeopardise the safety or enjoyment of others, or to discredit the club or the community of Milton Keynes. Therefore, as a club, we are extremely disappointed by the actions of a small number of spectators in the away section of the ground on Saturday."

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£175k to improve an estate

Julie Webb from Community Action:MK, who is helping to lead the Netherfield project

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Flytipping

IMPROVING the landscape and reducing flytipping is one key priority that has been idenfitied by residents. Litter picks and CCTV at flytipping hotspots are among the ideas that have been touted to stop this from happening at such regular intervals.

Young people

MORE positive activities for young people have been suggested, so a music class could be set up. Community mobilisers are already working with schools and youth groups to ask them what they want to do. People can still get in touch with Julie Webb at Community Action:MK at julie@communityactionmk.org

ASB issues

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour(ASB) was something people wanted to see less of in Netherfield so a drugs and alcohol support worker could be brought in to help people. CCTV at some of the estate's troublespots has also been put forward as an idea.

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Close shave: Emma Tolvanen helping Ellie Waters

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HR advisor Emma Tolvanen had her bob-style locks shorn off by Supt Gez Chiariello to raise money for Ellie Waters, 14, who is battling a rare childhood cancer that affects her soft tissue. The cash will go towards private scans, as well as funding a family holiday.

Seed toxin alert for owners of horses

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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HORSE owners are being urged to take extra precautions after the first cases of fatal sycamore poisoning this year were reported in the UK.

Sycamore seeds are toxic and can cause Seasonal Pasture Myopathy (SPM), previously known as Atypical Myopathy (AM), a fatal muscle disease in horses that until recently was of unknown origin.

Recent research has now revealed SPM to be caused by the toxin hypoglycin A, contained in tree seeds, including that of the sycamore.

Sean Wensley, president of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), said: "SPM is a disease that is extremely distressing for both the animal and the owner.

"BVA is working closely with our colleagues in the British Equine Veterinary Association – who deal with the aftermath of sycamore poisoning in horses all too often – to ensure we get timely advice to owners to prevent their animals suffering in this way."

High winds during the autumn of 2014 resulted in considerable contamination of pastures with sycamore seeds.

Fiona Gifkins, owner of Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre, believes greater awareness of the dangers of sycamore poisoning is needed in the city.

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SCHOOLS are often seen as places where academic results are the most important achievement, but one academy is also helping students with more practical skills. MK Academy, in Leadenhall, is working with companies across the city to deliver apprenticeships for students. One of them is at Niftylift, in Shenley Wood, which has close ties with the school

Fine example: Nathan Crane with his mentor Tom Merchant

Helping pupils shine

BY SCOTT KIRK
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NATHAN Crane, 16, is a student who, by his own admission, failed a lot of his GCSEs and struggled with learning topics in the traditional way.

After working on a project to design a Formula One engine at MK Academy, Nathan expressed an interest in working at Niftylift, which designs machines, including cherry pickers and aerial platforms.

And, after beating competition from about 150 applicants for one of its apprenticeships, Nathan was one of just nine the company took on.

He is now four months into a three-year programme of learning on the job.

"I like getting hands-on and I've always enjoyed design technology where I can build things – in the past I've built a computer and a bike," said Nathan, who lives in Coffee Hall.

"It's really good and it's just like having a job but we're learning as well and they understand that.

"I didn't do too well in my GCSEs but I'm enjoying doing this now, I love it – it's the perfect job for me."

Tom Merchant, who visits a lot of schools in the city to tell students what Niftylift can offer them, is mentoring Nathan and was impressed by the teenager's enthusiasm.

"He was just really enthusiastic more than anything about putting stuff together and he got a really good recommendation.

"I went to MK Academy and I thought it would be a good position for him."

Deborah Gockelen, director of business, enterprise and employability at MK Academy, said: "I was speaking to his mum and she said this has been wonderful for him and she's so proud of him.

"I think Nathan has the best possible apprenticeship and I think his motivation really shone out."

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The trust was created in memory of four-year-old Henry from Bletchley, who passed away after suffering from neuroblastoma.

Pub owners, Georgia and Jonathan Ballard, donated the land in the pub's garden to create a park in Henry's name.

Jonathan said: "The park is all about keeping Henry's memory alive – and to help remind people of his legacy."

Keeping memory alive: Henry's Park in Wolverton

City's position falls in quality of life ratings

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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MILTON Keynes has dropped 40 positions to 97th place in the latest UK Quality of Life Index.

The survey, by uSwitch.com, assessed lifestyle factors, including disposable income, hours of sunshine, life expectancy and working hours in more than 138 areas.

Milton Keynes ranked in the top 10 for gross income, but fell in the rankings due to high house prices, expensive energy bills and costly levels of car and home insurance.

The city was rated above average on hours of sunshine and was categorised average in the UK for broadband speeds and mobile phone network coverage.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "Any research that helps us to understand how to improve the quality of life for citizens is helpful.

"However the most reliable research in this area is undertaken by the Office for National Statistics for measuring national wellbeing and the latest publication shows MK compares favourably with other areas."

Edinburgh came out on top for the best place to live in the UK, followed by Solihull, Hertfordshire, Northumberland and South Lanarkshire.

Milton Keynes sits just above south west Wales, Southampton and Greater Manchester south, but ranks four positions below nearby Luton.

Central Bedfordshire came 13th, Buckinghamshire was ranked 44th and west Northamptonshire was 50th.

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Rise in fines for term-time hols

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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THE number of fines imposed on parents for taking their children on holiday during term-time has increased 20 times in just two years.

A total of 371 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued by Milton Keynes Council in the 2014/2015 academic year, compared to 18 just two years previous. In the 2013-2014 academic year there were 314.

The increase is the result of tougher guidelines introduced by the Department of Education in September 2013, which demanded headteachers take a stricter stance on requests for absences.

Parent Nicola Kunder, posting on our Facebook page, said: "I for one would rather pay the fine than thousands of pounds extra. We are a family of six and refuse to pay the extortionate prices charged in the holidays!"

At least 50,000 fines were issued nationwide for the last academic year.

> If a child has a two-week term-time holiday every school year, they would miss 26 weeks of learning
>
> **Tony Draper**

Speaking to MK NEWS, Tony Draper, president of the National Association of Head Teachers and headteacher at Water Hall Primary School, said: "Put quite simply, absences during term-time for holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances.

"There are 175 days every year when we are not in school and these are the times when families should be taking holidays.

"If a child has a two-week term-time holiday every school year, they would miss 26 weeks of learning in total – in other words, two thirds of a school year."

If parents take their children out of school on an unauthorised absence, it is reported to their local authorities who are obliged by the Government to fine a parent £60 per child. This will rise to £120 if it is not paid within 21 days.

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Teenage parents to be offered support

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A GROUP has been set up to help teen parents in the city.

The number of teenage pregnancies in MK has risen this year, with the under 18 conception rate per 1,000 females aged between 15 and 17 years old at 110, compared to 99 in 2014.

The figure for Woughton is slightly more than the city average, prompting Tash Darling, a youth manager and safeguarding lead officer at Woughton Community Council, to set up a teen parent group.

The group, which is run alongside Milton Keynes Council, meets at the Moorlands Centre in Dodkin, Beanhill, every Thursday from 12.30pm until 2.30pm to give advice and provide services and a social network for teen parents who may be feeling isolated in their home.

Tash, who runs the service with Natalie Williams, felt there was a gap that needed to be filled.

Help for teens: Tash Darling, *left*, and Natalie Williams at Moorlands Centre in Beanhill where young parents meet

"I've been looking through the area where I think there are gaps or specific or large groups of young people that we are not reaching," she said.

"Teen parents are likely to be more isolated than your general young person and we should be supporting these young people.

"I would quite like these young people enabled to continue education and employment and work to support them.

"I want to support the little ones and the parents to reach their potential.

"I'm a parent myself and being a parent can be very hard work."

Tash added that the predominant age of people coming to use the service was between 16 and 18.

Anybody who is interested in going along to one of the group's meetings can phone Tash on 01908 395681 or email tash.darling@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

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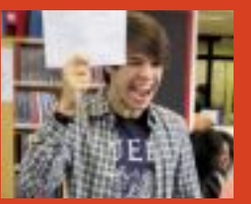

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Good times: The Imitation Game exhibition has been extended to July 2016 because of demand as Bletchley Park celebrates being a runner-up at the Group Leisure Awards 2015

No Imitation of success at park

BY SCOTT KIRK
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BLETCHLEY Park has been recognised as a heritage attraction after finishing runner-up in The Group Leisure Awards 2015.

The tourist attraction was up against stiff opposition, including Warner Brothers Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter, The View from The Shard and Warwick Castle. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard was the winner.

The awards are run by industry magazine Group Leisure and took place at a ceremony in Birmingham last Wednesday.

Kelsey Griffin, Bletchley Park's director of marketing and communication, said: "It is wonderful that our museum has been highlighted as a top visitor attraction for groups.

"More people are visiting Bletchley Park each year and many of those people have come as part of an organised group outing."

So far this year, more than 1,300 groups have visited Bletchley Park.

Meanwhile, the Imitation Game exhibition at the park has been extended to at least next July because of popular demand.

More than 250,000 people have visited the museum this year and 80 per cent of those went to the exhibition, which gives visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the sets where the film starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley was shot.

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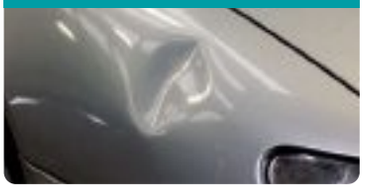

Woman injured in car accident

A WOMAN was injured in a two-vehicle crash in Marlborough Street, Eagleston, on Friday.

The collision temporarily closed the road after a car and a van were involved in the collision.

Firefighters from Bletchley and Broughton attended the scene along with a fire officer to release the woman and make the scene safe.

A man was released before they arrived.

Crash scene: The accident temporarily closed the road

Transgender athletes 'needing more help'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A NEWPORT Pagnell woman wants Milton Keynes to be a 'centre of excellence' for transgender issues in sport.

Delia Johnston, who transitioned from being a man in 2010, says a lot more can be done to help transgender athletes compete in sport.

The 60-year-old, who works as a consultant for the likes of England Netball, Northamptonshire Police and Trans In Sport, says better systems need to be put in place for athletes who change gender.

"The bottom line is that we need to work across the world of sport to try to make sport inclusive and it doesn't matter what gender you are," she said.

"It's about working with the governing bodies and when someone changes gender, at what point do they reach the criteria that needs to be achieved because it is different for everybody from male to female and vice versa. Athletes can be perceived to have an unfair advantage over others.

"My mission is to basically make myself redundant! I would like Milton Keynes to be a centre of excellence for this."

She is also urging sports and teams to approach her if they wish to know more about these issues.

She added: "Things are improving and there is more understanding but it doesn't stop discrimination and misunderstanding and at times blind rudeness.

"It isn't going to happen overnight."

smile:)MK 'Learning to enjoy life more'

'Learning never exhausts the mind' Leonardo da Vinci

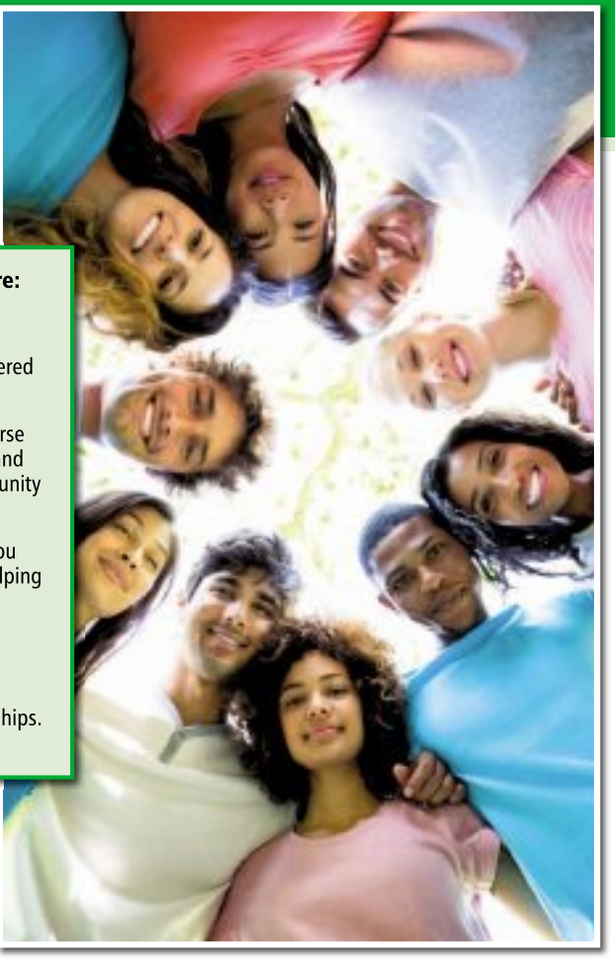
Do you suffer from mild to moderate depression, anxiety or sleep disorders? Did you know that around a quarter of British adults will experience a diagnosable mental health problem in any one year? Symptoms experienced can include feelings of hopelessness, guilt, irritability, panic, loss of self-confidence and a lack of interest in life.

According to numerous research studies, learning and education can have a positive effect on wellbeing.* Launched in September 2015 Smile:)MK is a project aimed at supporting people by providing access to various learning activities. Courses are delivered free of charge by various providers and offer the space to focus on improving mental wellbeing in a low-stress, supportive environment.

Some courses are more practical such as arts, crafts and music while others focus in particular on improving personal relationships, confidence and recognising and overcoming stress triggers. Courses vary in length from short two-hour workshops through to longer 10 week courses and are being delivered in various locations around Milton Keynes.

Some of the courses currently on offer are:

- **Chasing the Blues Away** – a course for parents and carers struggling with low-level anxiety, depression or sleep disorders. Delivered by MK Dons SET.
- **Art for Wellbeing** – An arts and crafts course designed to help you explore your feelings and express them creatively. Delivered by Community Learning MK.
- **Confidence Building** – A course to help you build your confidence and self-esteem by helping you to overcome communication barriers. Delivered by MK College.
- **Moving Forward and Taking Charge of Your Life** – a course designed to help you improve your approach to personal relationships. Delivered by Relate.



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To find out more about the project and other courses on offer please contact Community Learning MK on 01908 556700 or email: jane.sharp@milton-keynes.gov.uk

*Taken from 'Learning for Life – Adult learning, mental health and wellbeing' published by the Mental Health Foundation 2014

M-way services come under fire

BY SARAH LEE
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Under attack: The M1 services in Newport Pagnell

MILTON Keynes is home to one of the worst motorway services in the UK, according to the public at least.

Newport Pagnell Services currently has an average score of one out of five across approximately 60 reviews on MotorwayServices.Info – a website filled with user-generated information on service stations in the UK and Ireland.

Located on the M1 at junction 14-15 and operated by Welcome Break, Newport Pagnell Services has a Starbucks, KFC, Waitrose, Subway and WHSmith.

On the review website, users were scornful. Bob Eady said: "This must be one of the worst motorway services. The floors are dirty, the loos were filthy and hadn't been cleaned... there is the smell off the toilets in the eating area...the list goes on."

Another user said: "Difficulty parking, rude staff, filthy toilets, broken locks, stinks to high heavens. It needs demolishing."

And another added: "Both the toilets smelt and were disgusting. The whole area looked run down and the route across to the north side looked totally worn out – even dangerous."

A spokesman at the services said: "We are very disappointed to see the reviews, which we can only assume were carried out some time ago as we have recently invested £1.7million on the hotel and £340k on the amenities building.

"We pride ourselves on providing the ideal place for tired travellers to stop off and enjoy some relaxation away from the motorway and should we receive any complaints about either our amenities or hotel we take them seriously and will always try and rectify the situation immediately.

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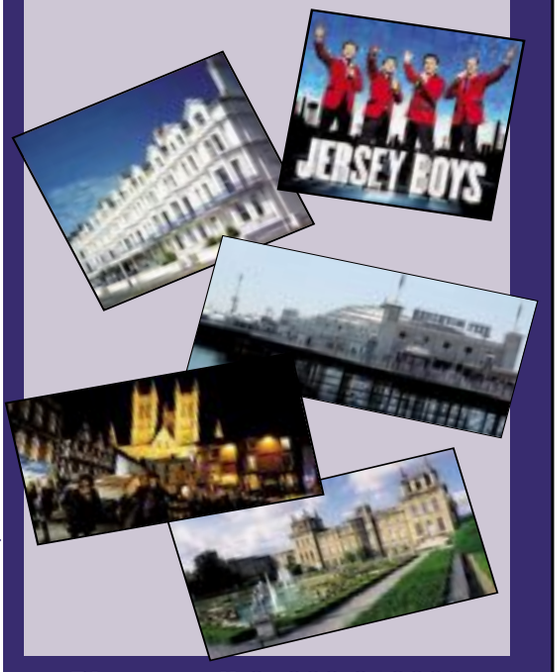

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Helping hand: Kim England is one of a group of volunteers taking supplies to refugee children in Europe

Charity relief on way

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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VOLUNTEERS have set off on their first European trip with supplies for refugee children.

Their journey of several hours started on Sunday and saw them cross Europe to drop off items including warm children's clothing, kid's books, items for personal hygiene and other non-perishable goods.

A group – mainly made up of mums from Newport Pagnell and Oakridge Park – gave up their time to collect and sort the items ahead of the trip.

The team, led by 34-year-old mum Kim England from Oakridge Park, set off on their first trip after being lent a van by local firm, Mirus-IT.

Kim said they were heading for Austria. "Once the donations are dropped off we will use the van to do supply runs with the funds we've raised.

"Local mums from Newport Pagnell and Oakridge Park helped to source the donations and we held two days of mammoth packing and sorting."

The group has now made it all the way across to the Austrian-Slovenian border, having travelled through Belgium and Germany.

The van is laden with winter clothing for children after the volunteers managed to raise £3,500 to help fund the trip.

The group are still taking donations and said any money raised in excess of what they need for the trip would be donated to migrant relief via the Save the Children charity.

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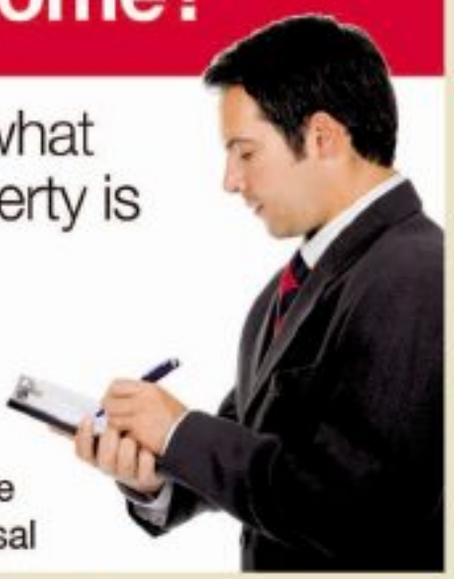
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Calling all firms: Dr Philip Smith, chair of Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership, wants to see more entries from companies

Awards deadline alert

BY SARAH LEE
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BUSINESSES need to get in their entries for Milton Keynes Business Achievement Awards as the deadline is fast approaching.

MK NEWS and OneMK are sponsoring the Independent Retailer Award and are helping Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership (MKBLP) to encourage businesses to get involved.

So if you are a local greengrocers, a quirky independent café, a family butchers or simply a business that contributes to the unique character of Milton Keynes, then don't forget to apply. The deadline to enter the awards is Monday, November, 30.

Dr Philip Smith, chairman of MKBLP, said: "At the top of our to-do list is reaching more businesses and persuading them of the benefits of entering.

"In 2015 we expected a greater response from businesses in this category where this area is so strong. We want to see Milton Keynes businesses much better represented. There are thousands of other businesses of all kinds within the MK postcode area, and that includes Bedford and Buckingham, who have yet to be part of MKBAA. They can enter one of the 12 open award categories and have the chance to shine in 2016."

Willen Hospice was shortlisted for the award last year, alongside family jewellers Woolfe Jewellery.

Maya Joseph-Hussain, director of business development at Willen Hospice, said: "We were thrilled to have been shortlisted for the Independent Retailer Award, which recognises the innovative way we are retailing as a hospice, because we need to raise £3.6million ourselves every year. We are excited about the next awards and will certainly be putting forward some nominations."

Winners will be announced at a ceremony on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at stadiummk.

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The big problem with final salary pensions is that like annuities they die with you. Pretty much the best you can hope for is that your final salary pension scheme will provide a 50% widow's / widower's pension on your death. On the second of your deaths it dies with you.

We have a male client who is in his fifties with a wife and children. He has a company final salary pension scheme worth around £900,000.

Tony Byrne
Managing Director
Wealth And Tax Management

In the last year he has been diagnosed with cancer and although he has recently been given the all clear, his life expectancy will probably be much reduced. He is quite wealthy and has other large pensions so retirement income is going to be plentiful.

We did a cashflow forecast comparing the income from his final salary scheme with that from a personal pension based on the pension transfer value offered by his previous employer's pension scheme. We assumed investment growth of just 5% p.a. in a new personal pension. Staggeringly for all time periods up to and way past retirement his and his widow's personal pension income was no worse than the income from his final salary pension scheme would have been. More importantly the value of his personal pension fund did not fall much at all in value! This means that his family in this situation would have been substantially better off to the tune of nearly £900,000! Not surprisingly, he decided to transfer his pension preferring the "bird in the hand" approach.

Please do bear in mind this is just one isolated case. Every client's situation is different. Professional advice is essential and should always be taken.

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DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4296 Box 418167**

LIKE uniforms? Sexy, foxy nurse, green eyes, up for anything seeks naughty, imaginative, laid back guy to get to know. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419577**

CHRISTINA, curvy beauty, 27yrs, own home, very very adventurous seeks no strings fun and frolics. **Tel No: 0906 515 4281 Box 410127**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412369**

MAUREEN, discreet sensual lady, 42yrs seeks daytime fun at her home. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 4272 Box: 405297**

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MELANIE, tanned, tonned, young 41yrs divorcee with own flat, working, solvent, just missing a chap. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112160**

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CARING, loving, good to be with female, enjoys swimming, walking my dog, having fun, good sense of humour seeks similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5063098**

LORRAINE single mum new to the area starting again, OHAC, GSOH, WLTM nice guy to cuddle up with and appreciate, maybe more. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419415**

SUE, lovely sensual brunette, young 50, seeks adventurous, fun loving, tactile younger male who thinks he can keep up. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419381**

ANNIE, 5' 7" with brown hair and blue eyes, plenty of interests, looking for a caring loving male. I enjoy life and would like to share it with someone special, if you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419059**

DEBRA, tall busty female, endless legs, enjoys wild side of life, seeks confident male to try new things with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419379**

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BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233**

SARAH, 37, beautiful broadminded female, seeks similar open-minded hunky guy for fun/friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418167**

LIBBY 36, newly single, no hang-ups, WLTM outgoing male to wine/dine and forever be mine. Don't miss out! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419215**

YOUNG looking 37, curvy, attractive, looking for wild at heart man to enjoy fun times and cosy nights in. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417649**

JULIE pretty 38yr old Irish female who is lonely as new to the area, looking for male up to 45yrs for tactile companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419071**

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AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418117**

BOSTON female 56 loyal, intelligent, loves history seeks dependable humorous male for friendship. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4751421**

FIONA, 38yr old slim professional, attractive, sporty, looking for solvent mature male for lots of fun and mutual pampering. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417761**

STELLA, trendy female, long black hair, knows what she wants and seeks smart younger guy to give it to her and have lots of fun with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418921**

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SINGLE confident black female 32yrs, very attractive with a great body! Loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/age. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418003**

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RESCUE me! Marianne, 53, hard working professional female would love to be wined and dined by a romantic fun loving male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418841**

JEANETTE, big brown-eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418839**

FULL time vacancy arisen for open minded male seeking uncomplicated relationship with slim professional 39yr old female with wicked sense of humour. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418791**

BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233**

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ELAINE, attractive young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417981**

DEBS petite brunette, 38yrs, well travelled, loves food and good wine, WLTM affectionate male for nice times. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418443**

JENNY 56, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418437**

ALI 47, seeking male for weekends away, to say have you had a good day, friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418275**

JEANETTE, young looking petite female prepared to try anything once, looking for similar open-minded tactile guy for fun loving times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418367**

OLIVIA, naughty blonde widow, slim and active, seeks creative partner in crime to share good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418345**

LIZ 42yr old, tired of journeying life alone, caring nature, seeking partner to share happy times with, laughter and all life. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4842772**

JANINE, 46, active solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418191**

SYLVIA, curvy sporty female, 35, tall, leggy and blonde, cultured, classy WLTM mature male, 40-65yrs who is special enough to share my life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418085**

DEBBIE, beautiful blonde professional, likes the good things in life, seeking male who could show her what she's missing. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418005**

SINGLE confident black female 32yrs, very attractive with a great body! Loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/age. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418003**

BLONDE single mum 44, caring and considerate, seeking employed man 40 to 55 for long-term relationship. Genuine only please. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4753663**

ELLIE, 27yr old independent brunette, OHAC, fed up with spending time alone, looking for attractive likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417785**

Men seeking women

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BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418745**

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MALE, 59, xx large build, kind, caring honest, GSOH, has car and bungalow, looking for someone loving and caring, to be there for the good times and the bad times, for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419587**

MALE 56, young outlook, smart, tall, brown hair, blue eyes, OHAC, GSOH, seeks attractive female to spoil. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 250044**

STEWART 47, fit, muscular, looking for no strings adult fun, any age, must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419279**

40+, 6'1 tall, black man, has a job, rents a nice house, looking for a decent curvy woman aged between 30 and 40. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4919402**

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413261**

JAMES single dad, fun to be around with, needs a smile put back on my face, would love to hear back from anybody who may be interested in some fun times! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419121**

MALE 66, fun loving, seeks female, any age, for friendship, romance and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419055**

48YR old white gent, seeks black lady for LTR. Any age/looks, must be genuine. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390139**

DAVID, 62 year old male, I'm genuine and sincere, I'm easygoing with a good sense of humour, animal lover. I'm seeking a well-built female age or looks not important but with a kind and caring personality for friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418643**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411467**

WHITE gent 50, seeks black/Asian female for LTR, must be genuine and sincere. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398563**

SINGLE white male, 50, seeks genuine, sincere, black/Asian female for LTR, age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398569**

67YR old male, active, fit, likes outdoor life, seeking lady soul mate, 55-65, slim, attractive for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418097**

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MALE seeking a widow 60+ for long term relationship, nights out and fun times. I am late 50's, active and professional. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4879848**

JOHN, young looking, world travelled kind and vibrant guy seeks NSA casual fun. Not hung up on a womans looks, size. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4844839**

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DAVE 50's, occasional smoker/drinker, honest, open minded, seeking charming lady to put the love back into life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416825**

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ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416461**

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GENUINE honest guy, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, not bad looking, seeks female, 50-60, slim-medium build with GSOH, genuine and kind. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 359453**

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 366935**

58YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, attractive, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390611**

PAUL 58, GSOH, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, average looks, seeks down to earth female up to 60 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398673**

WIDOWER 66, honest, caring, trustworthy, been on own too long, looking for someone to love again age/looks /size unimportant bbw welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4837120**

PAUL 60, divorced, own flat, genuine, kind, working, seeks similar female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418381**

GENUINE honest guy, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, not bad looking, seeks female, 50-60, slim-medium build with GSOH, genuine and kind. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 359453**

Men seeking men

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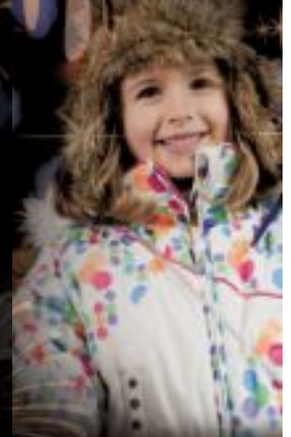

Bonfire night usually occurs on a cold, damp night when the part of you facing the bonfire is roasting and the back bit, frozen solid.

Potatoes baked in their jackets seem to be part of the traditional menu. However, why not consider baked yams, sweet potatoes and parsnips? They can all be cooked whole in their jackets in the same way but try filling them with some Mexican enchilada fillings.
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Giving hens a home

BY SARAH LEE
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A NEW collection site is opening on Saturday to help prevent hundreds of ex-commercial laying hens from being slaughtered.

The British Hen Welfare Trust (BHWT) hopes to find caring homes for hundreds of hens.

The new pop-up rehoming site in North Crawley was made possible thanks to local hen keepers and new BHWT Milton Keynes co-ordinators Janice Spokes and Sonia Hough.

Janice said: "We approached the charity earlier this year after seeing an advert on a local social media forum and offered our services.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the first of hopefully many hen collections this weekend and look forward to seeing everyone, hens included.

"People often think of hens as just farmyard animals, but they are so much more than that, you don't realise how loving they can be."

Since its launch in 2005, the charity has rehomed more than 485,000 hens from more than 30 'pop-up' locations run by volunteers across the UK.

Head of operations at BHWT, Gaynor Davies, said: "We have hens waiting to be homed all year round and the vast majority cope with the environmental change from farm to hen house with no trouble at all."

Hens need to be reserved in advance of the hen collections. If you would like to adopt, call hen central on 01884 860084, or email hens@bhwt.org.uk

Home appeal: Hens are more than farmyard animals

CARING FOR HENS IN COLD WEATHER

- If the weather conditions are extreme heat lamps or oil-filled radiators can be used to provide extra warmth, but only do this for feather bare birds.
- Cover the coop overnight with an old carpet, blankets, bubble wrap or flattened cardboard to give extra insulation.
- Smearing hen combs with Vaseline will help prevent them getting frostbite.
- Bring drinkers in at night and refill in the morning with warm water which hens enjoy.
- Give your hens extra corn in the afternoon as this will heat them up internally as they digest it overnight.
- Make sure food is stored safely away from rats and mice.

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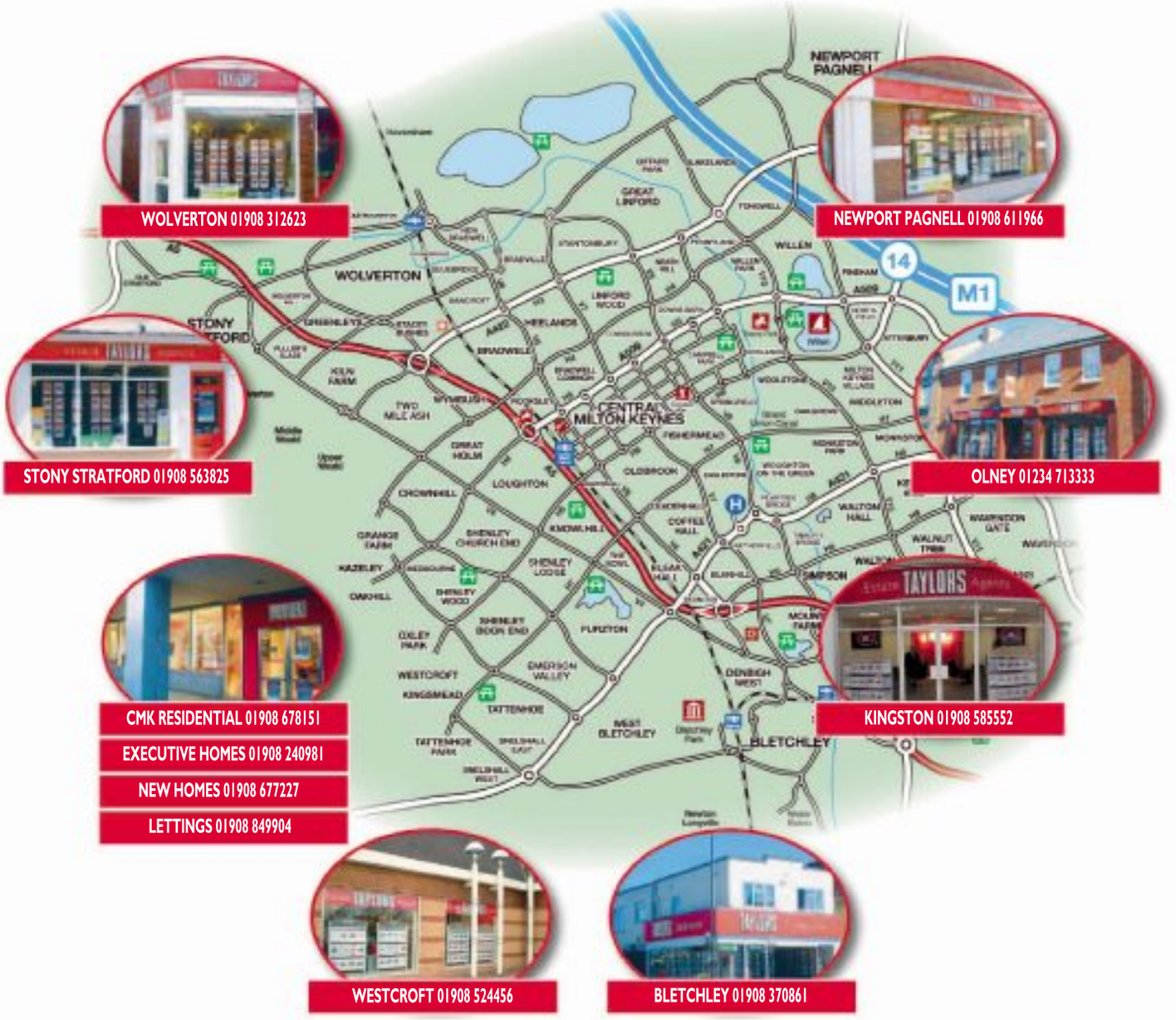

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Spooky walks and chance to join zombies this Hallowe'en

IT'S time to don your costumes for Hallowe'en and there are plenty of activities available for you to take part in.

The Zombie Pub Crawl takes place in Stony Stratford on Saturday and all of the pubs and restaurants in the town will be taking part in this ever-growing, popular event. There will also be an 'After Party' at the MK11 Kiln Farm Club, for which tickets, costing £6, can be bought on its website – www.mk11kilnfarm.com

Spooky Hallowe'en walks will be taking place with The Parks Trust from 6pm until 9pm on Friday at Howe Park Wood, but only if you dare...

To book your time slot for this event, which costs £4 per person, go to www.theparkstrust.com

The walks get scarier as the evening goes on so you will have to be brave to take part.

And back by popular demand, the Hallowe'en Circus will be returning to Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands offering fun for all the family.

On Saturday there are shows, which last an hour, at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm. They are suitable for all ages and costs £6.99. To book your tickets, go to www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk

You have until Sunday to visit The Howl at Mead Open Farm, **pictured**, which is a 'scream park' themed on Halowe'en.

There are five attractions for you to enjoy at the park, which is open from 6-11.30pm (the attractions are open from 6.30-11pm).

You are advised to book your tickets in advance by visiting www.halloweenattractions.co.uk.

They cost between £7.95 and £47.95 depending on the day you go and how much access you want to the park. For more details go onto the theme park's website – www.meadopenfarm.co.uk

Enough Said!

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Meet car park off V11 Tongwell Street. Willen Lake North. **10am Free**

Sun 1 Nov
FIREWORKS
Annual display presented by Keith Emmett and Sons
Campbell Park. **7.30pm Free**

Tue 3 Nov
MILTON KEYNES BALANCING LAKES TALK
Howe Park Wood Education Centre
Booking essential. **7.30pm £2/person**

Thu 5 Nov
WOMEN'S WALKING NETWORK
Meet in car park off St Leger Drive. Linford Manor Park. **10am £1/person**

Sat 7 Nov
DISCOVER: PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE PARKS
Howe Park Wood Education Centre
Booking essential. **10am £10/person**

Sun 8 Nov
EASY RIDERS
Meet by miniature railway at Willen Lake South. **10am Free**

Wed 11 Nov
ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE AT MK ROSE
MK Rose in Campbell Park. **11am Free**

Sat 21 Nov
BARK IN THE PARK
Meet in car park off Silbury Boulevard.
Pre-registration essential.
Campbell Park Pavilion. **10am £1/dog**

Tue 24 Nov
BATS TALK
Howe Park Wood Education Centre
Booking essential. **7.30pm £2/person**

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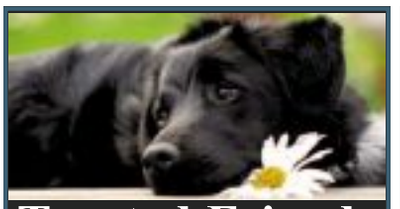

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petshow

IF YOU'RE an animal lover then this competition to win a pair of tickets to the National Pet Show is too good not to enter!

With hundreds of different animals, amazing action displays, expert talks and many more activities, the National Pet Show provides an educational and entertaining weekend for pet lovers across the country.

From the cute and cuddly to the weird and wonderful, you can get up close and personal to your favourite animals and receive essential advice from the experts.

Taking place at the NEC in Birmingham on November 7-8, witness the nation's most skilled and heroic dogs showcase their talents and don't miss out on the amazing action displays including rabbit show jumping and duck herding.

To stand a chance of winning one of seven pairs of tickets up for grabs, answer the following question:

Which city is hosting the National Pet Show this year?

A) Northampton
B) Birmingham
C) Dover

WOBURN Safari Park ranger BOB STREATFEILD tells MK LIFE readers about first birthday celebrations

PHEW! It's been a busy last month at Woburn Safari Park.

Asian elephant calf Tarli celebrated her first birthday. She was presented with a wonderful cake and lots of presents from her keepers. She was very fussed over, but then you only turn one once I suppose.

Just in case you missed it, we welcomed two little furry faces in the Kingdom of the Carnivore last month when Amur tiger Minerva successfully gave birth to two very adorable cubs.

This is very important for the conservation of the Amur tiger species as they are critically endangered, so great news all round about the two new additions.

The cubs will stay with their mum inside their specially designed house until they've had all their injections, before venturing out into their nine acre section in early 2016.

Everyone at Woburn Safari Park is very excited to watch them grow up!

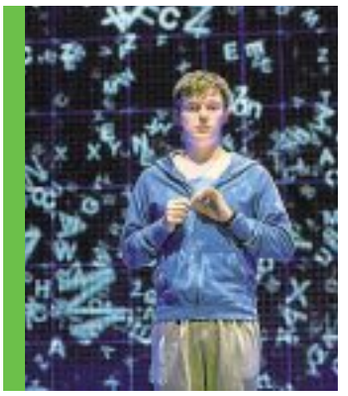
shaniaasiyama

A NIGHT of song and dance from around the world will take place in the Cruck Barn at Bradwell Abbey.

One World Club MK is hosting the event, which will include acts like Bollywood Bang – an Indian dance extravaganza – the Arabic, Jewish and Greek band Crossroots and knock-out singer Shania Asiyama, **pictured**.

It will take place on Monday and doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. No booking is required.

Admission and parking are free for this event.



curiousincident

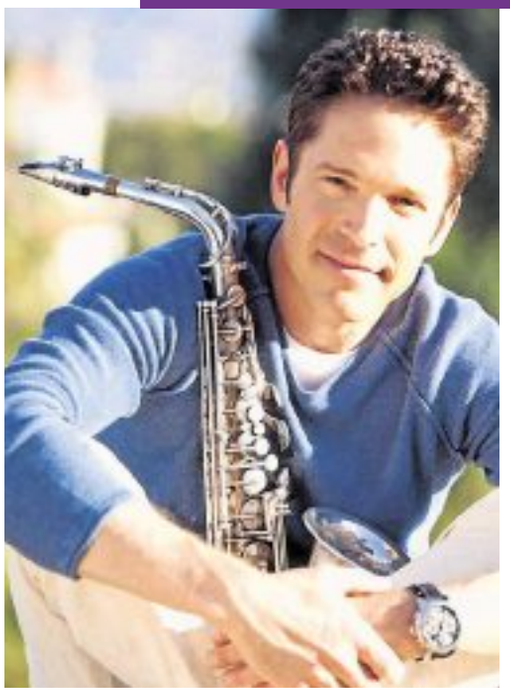
WINNER of seven 2013 Olivier Awards, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time opens at Milton Keynes Theatre on Monday night.

Based on the book by Mark Haddon, the National Theatre's production brings to the stage the story of 15-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone

Suffering from Asperger's Syndrome, the teenager falls under suspicion following the death of neighbour Mrs Shears' dog, and he undertakes a journey to discover the truth.

A guidance age of 11 plus has been suggested for the production, due to strong language throughout.

There are performances every day in its run until Saturday, November 7. For ticket information, visit www.atgtickets.com or call 0844 871 7652.



jazzstar

A SUPERSTAR of the jazz world and the undisputed king of the saxophone, Dave Koz, is coming to the city to play at The Stables for the fifth time.

Having been nominated for a Grammy award nine times, Dave boasts a string of sold-out shows and has even been given his very own star on Hollywood Boulevard.

Playing alongside him will be Oli Silk on keyboards, Mark Jaimes on guitar, Marc Parnell on drums and Frank Felix on bass.

The show will take place tomorrow from 8pm in the Jim Marshall Auditorium.

Tickets cost £21.50 and can be bought at www.stables.org or by calling 01908 280800.

punkrock

THE Kenneths, a punk rock band from London, are taking to the stage at The Craufurd Arms on Sunday.

The band's Van Warped tour visited Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester and Newcastle, before finishing in Milton Keynes.

Managed by Ted Dwane – the bassist from Mumford and Sons – doors open for The Kenneths from 7.30pm.

A new developing teenage pop-punk band from Milton Keynes called Stolen Serenade will also be performing on the night in their debut show.

Tickets cost £5 and the entry is open to all over the age of 14. For more information, visit www.thecraufurdarms.com or contact 01908 313864.

annualfireworks

THE spectacular annual city fireworks display presented by Keith Emmett and Sons returns to wow the family again this year.

The display takes place – as usual – in Campbell Park. There will also be a wide range of rides and stalls to explore at the fun fair and some food stalls too.

Head along to the park at 7.30pm on Sunday to see the show. Entry for the fireworks show is free, but make sure you check **www.onemk.co.uk** to see if the road closures affect you.

comedynight

COMEDIAN Nish Kumar will stop off in Newport Pagnell as part of his first ever UK tour.

His new show Long Word… Long Word…Blah Blah Blah…I'm So Clever is much-anticipated after the massive sell out success at last year's Edinburgh Festival of his critically acclaimed fourth solo show Ruminations on the Nature of Subjectivity.

Kumar is bringing his show to the That Time of the Month comedy club at The Cannon pub in the town's High Street.

The show will take take place on Sunday at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £8 (plus an 80p booking fee) online at www.wegottickets.com

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Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Tattenhoe

ONE of the three original houses in Tattenhoe – Tattenhoe Hall Farm – is being offered for sale by Rhyen Jordan Estate Agents priced at £975,000.

The earliest part of the house is believed to have been built circa 1801 and during the 1980s and 1990s the property served as a farm shop. The current owners have lived in this wonderful home for the past 12 years and have renovated the house while keeping the majority of its original features.

The house is Grade II-listed and offers space, luxury and oozes charisma, which sets it apart from other properties.

The home has three reception rooms, a kitchen/breakfast room, two family bathrooms (one with a dressing area), a utility, boot room, porch, cellar and five excellent sized bedrooms.

There is potential to add further bedrooms and reception rooms so the home would also be well suited for any growing families or a family with a large extended family.

Outside the property has a wrap-around rear garden and boasts a quadruple garage. It also has a workshop/storage facility in the barn.

Tattenhoe sits within an excellent catchment area for both primary and secondary schools and is within walking distance of local amenities.

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Our aim is simple, to make a difference to him and his family. There will be live music, a raffle with prizes donated from local business's including Red Bull Racing, the MK Dons, Planet ICE to name a few.

Entrance price is £5 and children come for FREE with ALL monies going to the appeal contact info@masonkelly.co.uk for ticket information.
See Tommy's story here **https://www.facebook.com/TommyLinesAppeal**

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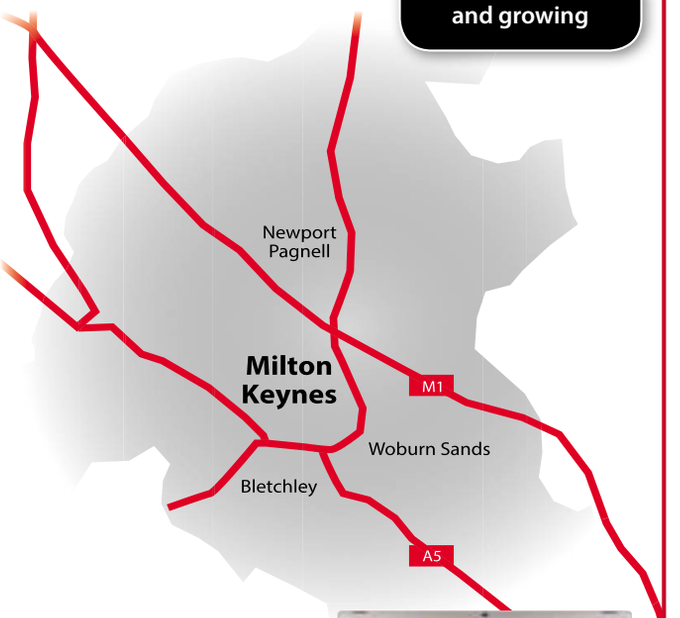

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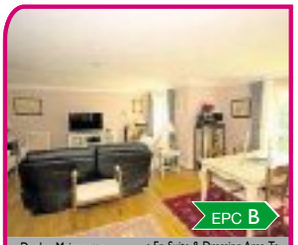

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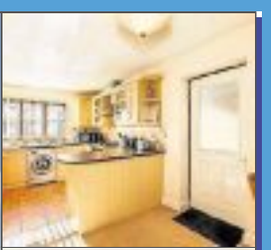

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Dulverton Drive, Milton Keynes, MK4 — £249,950

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Based at our Church End Site

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(2 days per week)
Based at our Forest End Site

Salary: Main Scale | **Starting:** January or March 2016

The Governors of the school are seeking to appoint two effective, enthusiastic and caring teachers to join our school in January 2016.

Church End is a large split site Lower School in the village of Marston Moreteyne.

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For the opportunity to visit the school please contact Anne Warriner at the Church End Campus on **01234 768271** or email **churchend@cbc.beds.sch.uk**

An application pack can be downloaded from the schools website: **www.churchendlower.co.uk**

As part of our safeguarding children procedures the successful candidates will be required to undertake enhanced DBS checks.

Completed applications should be sent to the Headteacher by **Monday 9th November 2015**

Interviews will take place on **Tuesday 16th November 2015**

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Church End Lower School

Marston Moreteyne, Bedford

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Teaching Assistant Positions

The Governors of the school are seeking to appoint three enthusiastic, committed and appropriately qualified and experienced individuals to support lower school learning needs. This will include supporting children during break/lunchtimes. Initially, the roles will be based at the school site indicated.

Teaching Assistant Position 1:	Supporting Learning in Year 2 at our Forest End site.
Hours	8.30 until 3.45 daily (30 hrs per week)
Level	NJC Level 2/Level 3 (£7.43 per hour/£8.59 per hour)
Responsible to	Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator
Teaching Assistant Position 2:	Supporting Learning in Year 1 at our Forest End site
Hours	8.30 until 3.45 daily (30 hrs per week; 20 hours Maternity Cover)
Level	Level 2/Level 3 (£7.43 per hour/£8.59 per hour)
Responsible to	Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator
Teaching Assistant Position 3:	Supporting Learning in Key Stage 1 at our Church End site
Hours	12.15 until 3.45 daily (17.5 hrs per week)
Level	Level 2a (£7.43 per hour)
Responsible to	Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator

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An application pack can be downloaded from the schools website: www.churchendlower.co.uk

Completed applications should be sent to the Headteacher by Friday, 13th November 2015.

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Closing date: Thursday 5th November 2015 at 4.00pm. Interview date: TBC.

Job descriptions and application forms are available to download from the school's website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk. Please send applications for the attention of Julie Shepherd or by email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

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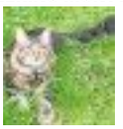

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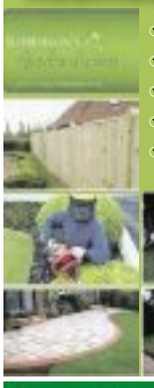

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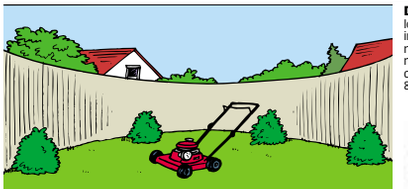

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- To introduce the 24 hours maximum stay, no return within 2 hours restriction in the long stay off-street car parks in James Yard, Lovat Hall, Silver Street (lower level) and Station Road, Newport Pagnell. This will replace the existing Monday to Saturday, 9.00am to 5.00pm long stay restriction.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and **Newport Pagnell** Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell, and during normal office hours at **Milton Keynes Council**, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the Network TRO Manager, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY **to be received** no later than 18th November 2015 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-136.

(VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES – THE CAMPBELL PARK FIREWORKS DISPLAY) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the annual Central Milton Keynes firework display takes place, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27th October 2015 made an Order under Sections 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is anticipated the temporary restrictions will take effect between the hours indicated below on Sunday 1st November 2015. However, if there is inclement weather forecast over this period the fireworks display will take place on either Saturday 31st October 2015 or Monday 2nd November 2015 and the same restrictions will apply during the hours stated as detailed below. The Order will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects.

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following lengths of road between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm:-

- Avebury Boulevard, from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following lengths of road between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00pm:-

- Skeldon Gate, its entire length;
- Enmore Gate, its entire length;
- Marlborough Gate, its entire length;
- Overgate (southbound carriageway) from its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with H6 Childs Way, except for access for authorised vehicles and disabled persons' parking facilities at the Campbell Park Pavilion;
- Avebury Boulevard, from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;
- Midsummer Boulevard, from its junction with Thatre Walk to its junction with Marlborough Gate;
- Silbury Boulevard, from its junction with North Thirteenth Street to its junction with Overgate, except for access for authorised vehicles and disabled persons' parking facilities at the Campbell Park Pavilion;
- The link road joining Marlborough Gate between Bankfield Roundabout and the Xscape Complex, except for and access for Xscape maintenance vehicles;
- Kenwood Gate, at its junction with H6 Childsway, however, traffic will be allowed to egress from Kenwood Gate onto Childs Way.

No vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 30 mph along the following lengths of road between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm:-

- H5 Portway, from its junction with V8 Marlborough Street to its junction with V10 Brickhill Street;
- H6 Childs Way, from its junction with V8 Marlborough Street to its junction with V10 Brickhill Street;
- V8 Marlborough Street, from its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with H6 Childs Way;
- V10 Brickhill Street, from its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with H6 Childs Way.

No authorised vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 20 mph along the following lengths of road between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm:-

- Silbury Boulevard, from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;
- Avebury Boulevard, from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;
- Overgate, from its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with H6 Childs Way;
- Skeldon Gate, its entire length;
- Enmore Gate, its entire length.

Access to properties in Adelphi Street, Blairmont Street and Colgrain Street, Campbell Park will be via North Skeldon Roundabout.

Access to properties in Albion Place, Amelias Lane, Columbia Place, Dalgin Place, Henrietta Way, Leonora Walk, Enterprise Lane, Highbury Lane, Smithsons Place, Huntley Crescent, Mara Place and Glenstal Place, Campbell Park will be via South Enmore Roundabout.

Access to properties in Eskan Court will be via Overgate only.

In the event of an emergency the V8 Marlborough Street will be closed from its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with H6 Childs Way.

Disabled parsons' parking facilities will be provided within the restricted area.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties, vehicles being used in connection with the organizing of the firework display and Milton Keynes Council Salt spreading vehicles.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected frontages will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to closure coming into effect.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Saturday 31st October 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the likelihood of danger to the public no longer exists.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The temporary restrictions can be viewed at www.roadworks.org

(TANFIELD LANE (PART), BROUGHTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance works to be carried out on the bridge:-

24th– 25th November 2015

- **Tanfield Lane, Broughton** – The section of road between it's junctions with Bewdley Grove and Kingswear Drive.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Bewdley Grove, Broughton Road, Milton Road, Blue Anchor Avenue, Clipstone Brook Way and Kingswear Drive.

Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on the 24th November 2015 and will expire on the 24th February 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The temporary restrictions can be viewed at www.roadworks.org

(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN BLETCHLEY, BRADWELL, LOUGHTON, BLAKELANDS, NEWPORT PAGNELL AND LAVENDON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27th October 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

28th October 2015

- **Saint Georges Road, Bletchley** – From its junction with Saint Clements Drive to its junction with Saint Andrews Road

  Controlled access to properties along Saint Georges Road will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Saint Clements Drive, B4034 Buckingham Road, and Saint Andrews Road (and vice versa).

29th October 2015

- **Loughton Road, Bradwell** – From its junction with Walgrave Drive to its junction with H4 Dansteed Way.

  Controlled access to properties along Loughton Road will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Walgrave Drive, V6 Grafton Street and H4 Dansteed Way (and vice versa).
- **Pitcher Lane, Loughton – From its junction with School Lane to its junction with Leys Road.**

  Controlled access to properties along Pitcher Lane and Weldon Rise will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via School Lane and Leys Road (and vice versa).

3rd November 2015

- **Wolverton Road, Blakelands –** From its junction with the access road to Miles Close to Giffard Park Roundabout.

  Controlled access to properties along Wolverton Road will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via V10 Brickhill Street, A422 Monks Way, Willen Road, Marsh End Road and Wolverton Road (and vice versa).
- **Whitethorns, Newport Pagnell –** From its junction with Cherry Road to its junction with Annesley Road.

  Controlled access to properties along Whitehorns will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Cherry Road and Annesley Road (and vice versa).

4th November 2015

- **Harrold Road, Lavendon –** From its junction with the access road to Castle Farm and its junction the access road to Snelson Farm.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A428, Carlton Road, Turvey Road, The Causeway, Carlton Road, High Street (Harrold) and Harrold Road (and vice versa).

5th November 2015

- **South Lawne, Bletchley –** Its entire length

  Controlled access to properties along South Lawne will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route would be via Rickley Lane.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 28th October 2015 and will expire on 28th January 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, NEWPORT PAGNELL AND OLNEY AND THE FOOTPATH THAT LINKS WOLVERTON ROAD AND WALNUT CLOSE, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of footpath and road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

11th November 2015

- **Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes** – The central reservation at its junction between Upper Second Street and Lower Second Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be Midsummer Boulevard and Midsummer Roundabout.
- **Footpath that links Wolverton Road to Walnut Close, Newport Pagnell**

  Whilst the above length of footpath is closed the alternative route will be via Wolverton Road and Walnut Close.

12th November 2015

- **East Street, Olney** – From its junction with Silver End to its junction with Holes Lane.

  Controlled access to properties along East Street will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Holes Lane, High Street, Silver End and Market Place.

16th November 2015

- **Cherry Road, Newport Pagnell** – From its junction with Whitethorns to its junction with Annesley Road.

  Controlled access to properties along or off Cherry Road will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Whitethorns and Annesley Road (and vice versa).
- **Annesley Road, Newport Pagnell** – From its junction with Whitethorns to its junction with Broad Street.

  Controlled access to properties along or off Annesley Road will be maintained at all times.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Cherry Road and Whitethorns (and vice versa).

It is anticipated that both of the closures on 16th November will not be in effect simultaneously.

18th November 2015

- **Lavendon Road, Olney –** Between its junction with A509 Warrington Road to Lavendon Road Farm.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A509 Warrington Road, A428 and Olney Road (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 11th November 2015 and will expire on 11th February 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

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The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

28 October 2015

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall

David Hall
Interim Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02593/FUL	Erection of 4 single storey rear/side extensions (resubmission of 15/01511/FUL) at Bay House, 31 Weston Road, Olney
15/02598/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce 1x Ash tree at Site At Allotments And Site SW of Common Street, Ravenstone
15/02605/FUL	Single storey front extension at 27 Baskerfield Grove, Woughton On The Green
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02575/FUL	Application for change of use from Public House/ Restaurant (use class A3/A4) to residential (use class C3) including external works at The Malting House, 66 High Street, Stoke Goldington
15/02576/LBC	Listed building consent for associated minor works including glazed link extension and window alterations for change of use at The Malting House, 66 High Street, Stoke Goldington
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02616/LBC	Listed building consent for extension of existing WC to enable conversion to changing room and WC for approved poolhouse at Calverton Manor, Lower Weald To Calverton Road, Calverton
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/02330/LBC	Listed building consent for alterations to former garage building to remove internal walls, infilling of external doorway to window and creation of opening for conservatory at Hales Folly Farm, Hartwell Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

15/02490/FUL	Erection of a three storey secondary school (750 place), two storey special education needs school (50 place) and a single storey sports hall; including associated access, car and cycle parking, play areas, sports fields and amenity space at Land Off Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park
15/02491/FUL	New two form entry primary school (420 place) and nursery (26 place), together with associated parking, access routes, hard and soft play areas, sports pitches, fencing and other external works; New 3 bedroom caretaker's house adjacent to the school with a drive and garage at Land At Merlewood Drive, Shenley Wood
15/02532/REM	Approval of the details of siting, design and external appearance of 34 dwellings, the means of access and the landscaping for area 10.1 parcel I at Land WEA Area 10, Watling Street H3 To H4

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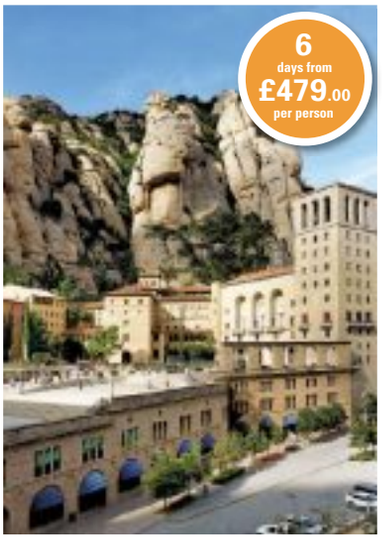

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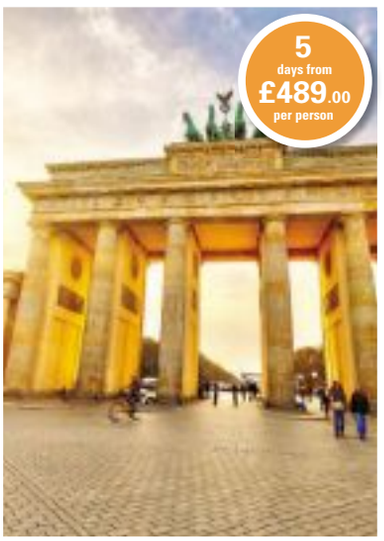

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New Alfa Romeo MiTo and Giulietta Ranges Enhanced

The Alfa Romeo MiTo and Alfa Romeo Giulietta ranges have both been enhanced by new trim levels. A new Collezione specification is available in both the Alfa Romeo MiTo and Giulietta models, while a new Sprint Speciale version joins the Alfa Romeo Giulietta range.

The Collezione versions are the new luxury flagships of their respective ranges, offering a more luxurious and elegant specification than the sporty QV Line models. In the case of the Alfa Romeo MiTo Collezione, standard equipment includes 17-inch 'Collezione Bronze' alloy wheels with matching bronze-effect door mirrors and satin-effect headlight and tail light surrounds.

The interior is trimmed in special Collezione cloth and eco-leather upholstery, with brown stitching on the flat-bottom steering wheel, gear knob and handbrake gaiter. A split-folding, three-seat rear bench, sports dials, special Collezione vintage floor mats and a Uconnect™ NAV infotainment system with TomTom satellite navigation and DAB radio round out the extremely high specification.

Offered with a choice of a 0.9-litre TwinAir Turbo 105hp or 1.4-litre Turbo Petrol 140hp engines (the latter with Alfa Romeo's six-speed ALFA TCT twin-clutch transmission and uprated Brembo brakes as standard) the Alfa Romeo MiTo Collezione is priced at £17,660 OTR and £19,210 OTR respectively.

The Alfa Romeo Giulietta Collezione builds on high specification of the Exclusive trim level but stands out even further from the crowd thanks to its signature gloss-black painted roof with matching door mirrors, front and rear parking sensors and unique, dark-finish, 18-inch multi-spoke alloy wheels. Inside, the seats are trimmed in bespoke 'Collezione' leather with heating on the front seats and the luxurious ambience is complimented by a 6.5-inch Uconnect™ NAV system with advanced voice operated satellite navigation with 3D mapping and DAB digital radio as standard.

Prices for the Alfa Romeo Giulietta Collezione start at £24,820 for the 1.4 MultiAir Turbo Petrol 170hp six-speed manual, or £26,245 with the six-speed Alfa TCT twin-clutch transmission. The diesel Alfa Romeo Giulietta Collezione range starts at £25,680 for the 2.0 JTDM-2 150hp manual, with the 2.0 JTDM-2 175hp ALFA TCT version completing the new Collezione range at £27,840.

Amid all this luxury, Alfa Romeo hasn't forgotten its cuore sportivo, however: A new Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale also joins the range, building on the specification of the Sprint model to offer ever more performance-oriented equipment. The Sprint Speciale adds sports suspension, 17-inch sports alloy wheels, Brembo brakes, aluminium pedals and Quadrifoglio-style sports seats as standard, along with dual-zone climate control, rear parking sensors, special silver dashboard trim, the 'Visibility Pack' and cruise control.

The Sprint Speciale engine range includes the 1.4 TB MultiAir 150hp, priced from £23,320 with a six-speed manual or £24,745 with the six-speed ALFA TCT (including steering-wheel mounted paddle-shifters). The Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale powered by the 2.0 JTDM-2 150hp is priced from £24,180 while the 2.0 JTDM-2 175hp ALFA TCT version is priced from £26,340 OTR.

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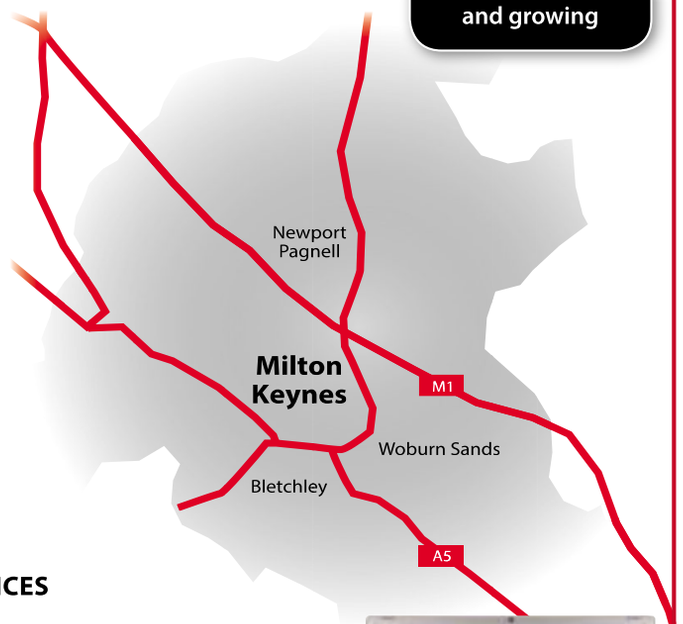

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Peugeot 208

LOVE AND EIGHT

Since its launch in 2012, the Peugeot 208 has dramatically improved its French brand's proposition in the supermini sector - but time moves on. Since its original introduction, just about every key rival has been either refreshed or re-launched. Hence the need for this smarter, cleverer and more efficient facelifted version. It's a small car with very big ideas.

At this model's original launch, it got some of the things the PSA Group was developing for its modern era volume cars - an infotainment touchscreen and 1.0 and 1.2-litre PureTech petrol engines - but not all. In comparison to the best rivals in this segment, the connectivity needed an upgrade and the diesel engines were a little behind those of the best rivals. Peugeot has now sorted both these things. You can download the latest apps on the 7-inch central dash display that most models get - and and now use a 'MirrorScreen' system that duplicates the functionality of your smartphone. Under the bonnet, diesel variants now get the brand's BlueHDi technology with three 1.6-litre units. Plus there's a desiable 1.2-litre turbocharged PureTech 110bhp petrol option borrowed from the larger 308 model.

One issue still tends to dominate your thinking the first time you get into this 208 and drive off. Namely the smallest steering wheel you'll find this side of a supercar. A potential problem, you might think, given that in most vehicles, you view the instrument cluster through the wheel. Here though, you don't have to for the instrument pack has been moved to sit up above the wheel as it would do in, say, an MPV.

On the road, this car feels light on its feet thanks to a programme of weight-saving that has especially benefitted entry-level variants equipped with the marque's clever three cylinder PureTech petrol engine. This powerplant may only be able to draw on either 68 or 82 braked horses, depending on whether you order it as a 1.0-litre or a 1.2, but that's still enough to throw the car up the road with some alacrity, rest to sixty in the 1.2 detaining you for only 12.2s.

If you need more power, there's also a 1.2-litre turbocharged PureTech petrol option devloping 110bhp. This unit can also be specified with the marque's latest EAT6 six-speed automaic gearbox which uses the company's 'Quickshift' technology for faster changes. There's even bigger news on the diesel front, where the brand's efficient BlueHDi technology is now available to 208 buyers in the form of three different 1.6-litre variants, respectively developing either 75, 100 or 120bhp.

Peugeot has tried to make this 208's styling a bit more assertive and distinctive. The restyled front bumper creates a sharper and more precise line, with a wider grille and deeper chrome finisher that is now fully integrated. Plus most models get two-tone headlamps, with black and chrome masks and a hi-tech LED light signature. At the rear, the full LED light clusters have been redesigned to incorporate Peugeot's 3D 'claws' motif.

Inside, not too much needed doing. Soft touch plastics, tactile switchgear, chrome highlights and almost faultless ergonomics show other supermini sellers how it should be done. As before, the two main talking points inside are the smallness of the steering wheel (over which you view the high-set instruments) and the colour touchscreen attached to the fascia that controls audio, trip computer and stereo functions and to which you can add a now wider range of clever downloadable apps. The wheel is now trimmed in full-grain leather from Active trim, while the soft-touch moulded dashboard strip - which is standard regardless of trim level - has smarter graining on higher specification models.

Despite the slightly more compact outward dimensions, there's a little more room on the back seat than you mght expect - and decent luggage space behind. Don't get us wrong: 285-litres isn't huge by supermini segment standards but it's a very usable space that can be extended to as much as 1,076-litres of you push forward the rear bench.

The revised engine line-up means all versions of the 208 meet stringent Euro 6 emissions standards. BlueHDi technology is one of the most effective diesel emissions control systems on the market and every version of this 208 puts out below 95g/km of CO2. With the exception of the 75hp version in entry level trim, all are equipped with Stop & Start (S&S) technology too.

So the 208 has evolved - but not beyond recognition. The engine line-up is now fully - rather than only partly - hi-tech and it's hard to make a bad powerplant choice any more, regardless of your fuel preference. The personalisation and fresh tech options are welcome too.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Peugeot 208 range
PRICES: £11,695-£21,995 – on the road
INSURANCE GROUPS: 7-33
CO2 EMISSIONS: 79-125g/km
PERFORMANCE: [1.6 BlueHDi] 0-62mph 13.3s / Max Speed 106mph
FUEL CONSUMPTION: [1.6 BlueHDi] (combined) 80.7mpg
STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin front, side and curtain airbags, anti lock brakes with brake assist, electronic stability control
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Volvo Cars' Global Electrification Strategy

Volvo Cars, the premium car maker, has announced one of the automotive industry's most comprehensive electrification strategies in which plug-in hybrids will be introduced across its entire range. It will develop an entirely new range of electrified smaller cars and build a fully electric car for sale by 2019. As part of this new strategy, the Swedish car company said it expects electrified vehicles to account for up to 10 per cent of total car sales in the medium term. The first element involves the introduction of plug-in hybrid versions of its 90 series and 60 series larger cars.

DB10 Roars Into Aston Martin Works

The Aston Martin DB10 built exclusively for James Bond in the forthcoming movie, Spectre, roared into Newport Pagnell on Saturday as part of a tour of the British sport car maker's UK dealers. The relaxed, family-friendly, event saw more than 500 people visit Aston Martin Works to get a close-up view of the exclusive new sports car. DB10 is limited to just ten examples, all of which are used in the highly anticipated new Bond film which premieres in London on Monday October 26th.

Renault Range Takes To The West End

Renault UK will display a selection of its range, including a number of its electric vehicles in the heart of London's West End at this month's Regent Street Motor Show as part of London Motor Week, which runs from Monday, 26th October to Sunday, 1st November. On display at the show will be the 100 per cent electric Renault ZOE as well as the Renault Clio supermini, Renault Captur compact crossover and All-New Renault Kadjar. Alongside these will be the quirky all-electric Twizy, available for the public to test drive throughout the day.

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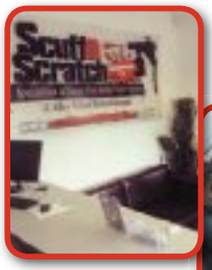

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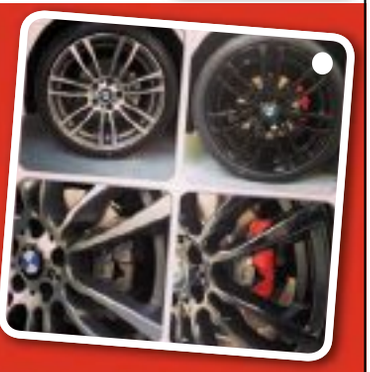

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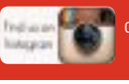

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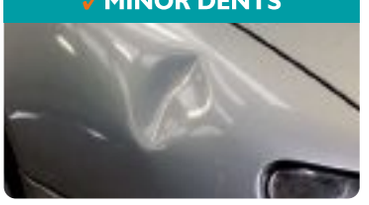
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ASIDE from the result, my day as a whole lacked excitement. The journey was fine, until we entered London. It took us about an hour to get through London due to cars in the road causing terrible traffic. Consequently, we didn't arrive until 25 minutes after kick-off.

In terms of the football, there wasn't much to enjoy on our part. We didn't go forward much at all in the first period but I will say we played rather well defensively. At half time it was 0-0.

In the second half, Simon Church almost definitely should have scored a one on one with Rob Green, but he placed it straight at the QPR keeper and won a corner.

Then it began to fall apart a bit in the last 20 minutes. Jay Emmauel-Thomas, formerly of Bristol City, scored a very well worked goal. Their second was even better, they went on a counter attack from our corner and Paul Konchesky played Matty Phillips in with a beautiful cross-field ball and Phillips finished it off. 2-0

Not long after this, they scored their third and final goal. Junior Hoilett bagging it after a pinball type scene in the Dons box. Not encouraging at all from the Dons, losing 3-0 away.

If you ask me, the problems lie in all positions. Our defence is nervy and uncertain. Our midfield lacks the ability to control the play in the middle and we don't have anyone to stick the ball in the back of the net.

Overall, a fairly dismal day out for me and I don't think I will be heading to Loftus Road any time soon.

Hopefully we can pick it up for the next game, Hull City at home.

FIXTURES

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CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	13	5	2	0	8	3	3	3	0	10	7	8	29
2	Hull	13	5	2	0	13	3	2	2	2	6	5	11	25
3	Burnley	13	4	1	1	11	6	3	3	1	7	6	6	25
4	Middlesbro'	13	4	1	1	11	2	3	2	2	9	7	11	24
5	Derby	13	2	3	1	9	6	4	3	0	9	4	8	24
6	Birmingham	13	3	1	2	9	8	4	2	1	10	5	6	24
7	Reading	13	3	2	1	8	2	3	2	2	12	10	8	22
8	Cardiff	13	4	2	1	8	4	1	4	1	7	7	4	21
9	Sheff Wed	13	3	2	1	11	8	2	3	2	7	8	2	20
10	QPR	13	3	3	1	16	11	2	1	3	6	11	0	19
11	Fulham	13	3	2	2	13	10	1	3	2	9	9	3	17
12	Brentford	13	2	1	3	8	11	3	1	3	11	9	-1	17
13	Ipswich	13	2	3	1	9	7	2	2	3	7	14	-5	17
14	Wolves	13	2	2	3	9	10	2	1	3	9	10	-2	15
15	Huddersfield	13	2	3	2	10	7	1	2	3	3	9	-3	14
16	Notts Forest	13	1	3	3	6	8	2	2	2	5	6	-3	14
17	Leeds	13	0	3	3	4	8	2	4	1	8	9	-5	13
18	Blackburn	13	2	3	2	7	4	0	3	3	5	10	-2	12
19	Preston	13	0	4	2	4	6	2	2	3	6	7	-3	12
20	Bristol City	13	1	2	3	8	11	1	3	3	7	11	-7	11
21	DONS	13	2	0	4	6	8	1	2	4	6	11	-7	11
22	Charlton	13	2	2	3	8	12	0	2	4	3	9	-10	10
23	Rotherham	13	1	2	4	7	13	1	1	4	8	11	-9	9
24	Bolton	13	1	5	1	6	6	0	1	5	4	14	-10	9

FORMULA ONE

Texas holds Red Bull to one point

BY SCOTT KIRK
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RED Bull Racing left Austin, Texas, with just a point to show for their efforts despite battling near the front of the pack for the first half of the race at an eventful weekend in America.

Qualifying had to be cut short because of heavy rain in the wake of Hurricane Patricia, but the race went ahead on Sunday and Lewis Hamilton claimed his third World Championship.

Daniel Ricciardo and Daniil Kvyat were challenging the Mercedes of Hamilton and Nico Rosberg at the start of the race, with the Australian driver leading the pack after overtaking the World Champion on lap 18.

But the track drying later in the race put Red Bull at a massive disadvantage and a collision between Ricciardo and Nico Hulkenberg as they were battling for fifth didn't help.

Kvyat spun into a wall on lap 42 after catching too much grass on the exit from Turn 20 to further compound problems and Ricciardo went on to finish 10th.

"The beginning was really fun between both Mercs and both Red Bulls," Ricciardo told the team's website.

"That obviously didn't last long and once we put the slicks on we just didn't have the pace. It was a crazy race."

Kvyat said: "If it was a wet race I felt it could have been a victory.

"In the dry, I was driving a bit over my limit when I crashed, I put the wheels on the artificial grass, tried to carry a bit more speed but it didn't work out and I'm disappointed with myself."

It is now a quick turnaround for the drivers as the Mexico Grand Prix takes place on Sunday.

Battling at the front: Daniel Ricciardo and Daniil Kvyat battle with World Champion Lewis Hamilton for the lead at the US Grand Prix

BADMINTON

Adcocks bow out of French Open

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock's bid for a first French Open title ended at the semi-final stage on Saturday night.

The world number seven pair lost 21-14, 21-11 to Ko Sung Hyun and Kim Ha Na, of Korea, as the Adcocks couldn't replicate the brilliant form which took them to last year's final in Paris.

Meanwhile, Lydia Powell insists she has plenty left to achieve after making the switch to MK Badminton. Last term, Powell helped Team Derby claim the inaugural NBL title with a dramatic final victory over Loughborough Sport. MK Badminton travel to Surrey Smashers next Monday.

She said: "I admired MK last season for having belief in the younger players."

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Hopes dashed: The Adcocks lost in the French Open semi-final at the weekend. Pic by BadmintonPhoto

ICE HOCKEY

The highs and lows of the EPL

MK Lightning experienced the extreme highs and lows of life in the English Premier League at the weekend with a big victory followed by defeat the next day.

Saturday's 11-0 destruction of league newcomers Hull Pirates was the team's biggest winning margin in nearly six years – the side having beaten Romford Raiders 12-1 on October 31, 2009.

It was without doubt nothing more than a stroll in the park with Pirates only managing 12 shots on goal in the entire 60 minutes compared with Lightning's barrage of 49 on the visitors' net.

Ironically it was probably not the best preparation for the trip to reigning league champions Telford Tigers on Sunday where the city outfit were under pressure for long periods and ended up as 3-1 losers.

Lightning entertain Swindon Wildcats at the MK Arena this Saturday, with the kick off at 7pm, before they travel to Manchester Phoenix on Sunday.

SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town moved up to fifth in the United Counties Premier League thanks to a 1-0 win at Oadby Town courtesy of a Fazel Koriya goal. New Bradwell St Peter lost 5-1 to Harpenden Town in the Spartan South Midlands Division One. In Division Two, Stony Stratford Town beat Grendon Rangers 2-1. In the Division Two Cup, Old Bradwell United lost 3-2 against Aston Clinton and Wolverton Town beat Clean Slate 5-1.

HOCKEY

IT WAS a humdinger of a clash in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A. Going into the game, Hampstead and Westminster Seconds and Milton Keynes were unbeaten, and when they faced off against each other honours were even in a 2-2 draw. MK even went two goals down but they showed great resilience to fight back thanks to goals from Sophie Reynolds and Charlie Coumbe. In the South Hockey League Premier Division One, Milton Keynes beat bottom club Staines 6-0 with six different players getting on the scoresheet.

RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY beat Beaconsfield 17-3 to get back to winning ways in Southern Counties North. In the Berks/Bucks and Oxon Premier, Milton Keynes won 46-12 at home to Risborough to move up to joint top in the league. In the Midlands Two East (South) league, Olney narrowly lost 15-13 at Oakham which leaves them at the foot of the table.

TABLE TENNIS

HONOURS were even in a thrilling encounter between Greenleys Monarchs and MK Spinners, while MK Sasaki picked up an 8-2 victory over Greenleys Kings. MK Phoenix were whitewashed by Kingpins. MK Walking Wounded also won 10-0 against MK Powers.

EQUESTRIAN

HELEN Newbold from Wicken, near Milton Keynes, took the runner up spot in the 2015 SEIB Insurance Brokers Racehorse to Riding Horse of the Year at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS). Helen rode her own ex-racehorse, Tycoons Reflection, in the closely fought final in the main HOYS international arena at the Birmingham NEC.

ATHLETICS

THOMAS Green represented Great Britain in the IPC World Championships in Doha. Competing in the T32 Club Throw he was placed sixth with a best throw of 25.96m.

Jack Kee was awarded the Payne Trophy for over 30 years of service to the hammer event. This is a national award and is not awarded annually.

Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club runner Graham Jones was placed third in the Fleet 10km, while Lara Bromilow made her 10-mile debut in the Great South Run at Portsmouth, finishing 18th overall(18th lady) with a time of 60.51, the fifth fastest all-time for a MMKAC lady. Tom Comerford clocked 79.17 for 16th in the Leicester Half Marathon whilst Diane Baldwin finished sixth in the Candelford Ladies 10km (Oxfordshire)

ROWING

CATH Keeling, Cherry Kemp, Liz Fryer and Trish Rosewell showed their class in the Women's Masters C Quad's category, crossing the line in just over 14 minutes to finish first. Hot on their heels was the final MK crew, the formidable Women's Masters C 4+ of Louise Rivett, Kelly Alexander, Jayne Skeith, Karen Wilson and their cox Kelly Duffin. The ladies gave an outstanding performance, taking a mere 13 minutes and 14 seconds to complete the course, seeing them dominate their category.

Mike Arding and Rod Bennett competently raced the 3km upstream course to finish second in their Masters D Double's category.

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Forster-Caskey goes back to his parent club

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JAKE Forster-Caskey has returned to his parent club Brighton and Hove Albion after his loan spell at Dons finished in the 3-0 defeat at QPR on Saturday.

The midfielder has played well in the absence of vice-captain Darren Potter, but he would not have been allowed to play against Brighton a week on Saturday if he was on loan at Dons and with there being an international break after that, there are only two other games which Forster-Caskey could have been involved in over the next month.

Potter is also fighting to return to the starting line-up for this Saturday's home tie against Hull City, so Forster-Caskey will go back to the Seagulls for the time being, although manager Karl Robinson has not ruled out making a move for him later this season.

"He could only play two games in four weeks so we obviously have to think about that," said Robinson.

"He will go back for the forseeable future but he is certainly someone that we would like to have back. After the break we will look to re-visit it."

Robinson also has Diego Poyet and Samir Carruthers who can play in the position, as well as Potter. Dean Bowditch is in a similar position to Potter in terms of regaining fitness for this weekend's match, while Ben Reeves had a scan on a calf injury yesterday.

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Back to Brighton: Jake Forster-Caskey has returned to parent club Brighton

MK Victors boxers and coach: *From left,* Hamza Mehmood, Matt Brassington, Faraz Abid and John Cawley

Boxers putting sport on the map

PREPARATIONS are going up a gear for a Milton Keynes boxing club's annual event when fans can get an opportunity to see the best of what the city has to offer.

MK Victors Amateur Boxing Club's annual dinner will take place at the Jury's Inn on Midsummer Boulevard on Friday, November 27 and some of the city's brightest young talent will be taking to the ring.

Frank Bruno is among the celebrities due to attend, with the club also working on bringing another star name down to watch the encounter.

Eight of the club's boxers will fight, including 16-year-old Faraz Abid, who says he wants to become the city's first ever world champion.

"I want to be become a world champion and be the first one for Milton Keynes to put us on the map," said the Stony Stratford boxer.

"Boxing isn't that well known in Milton Keynes and it isn't as popular as other sports so we can hopefully build the profile."

John Cawley, 19, says boxing can be a great tool to improve society.

The Newport Pagnell fighter said: "There are kids on the streets getting up to stuff and boxing gives you discipline."

Hamza Mehmood, 16, from Stantonbury, is also on the card and coach Matt Brassington is expecting a good night of boxing.

"This is the start of the club getting bigger and all of our guys are at school, college or in jobs but you can see the dedication they have put in."

If you are interested in sponsoring any of the boxers or booking a ticket for the event you can email mkvictors@gmail.com.

Tickets for the night, which is expected to be attended by around 150 people, cost £450 per table, which sits nine people and includes a three-course meal. Individuals wanting a meal can get a ticket for £50 and people who just want to watch the boxing can go for £10.

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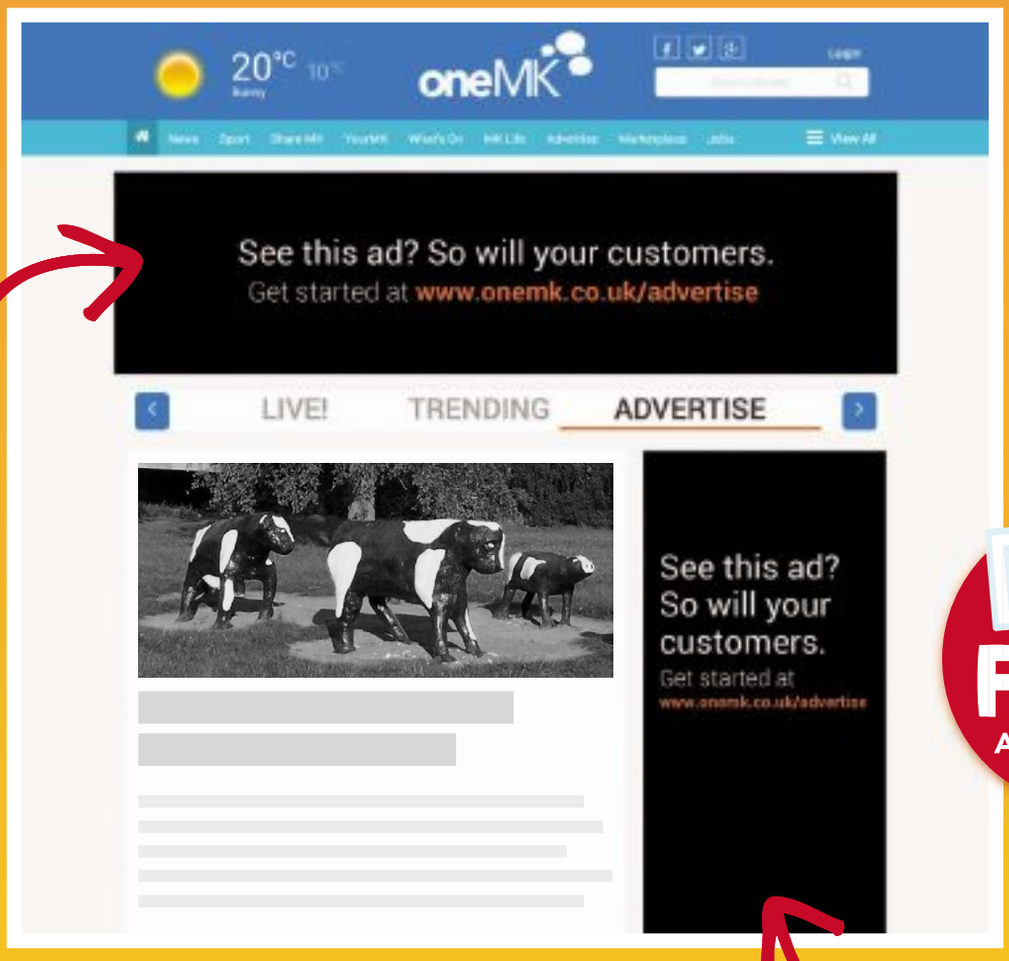

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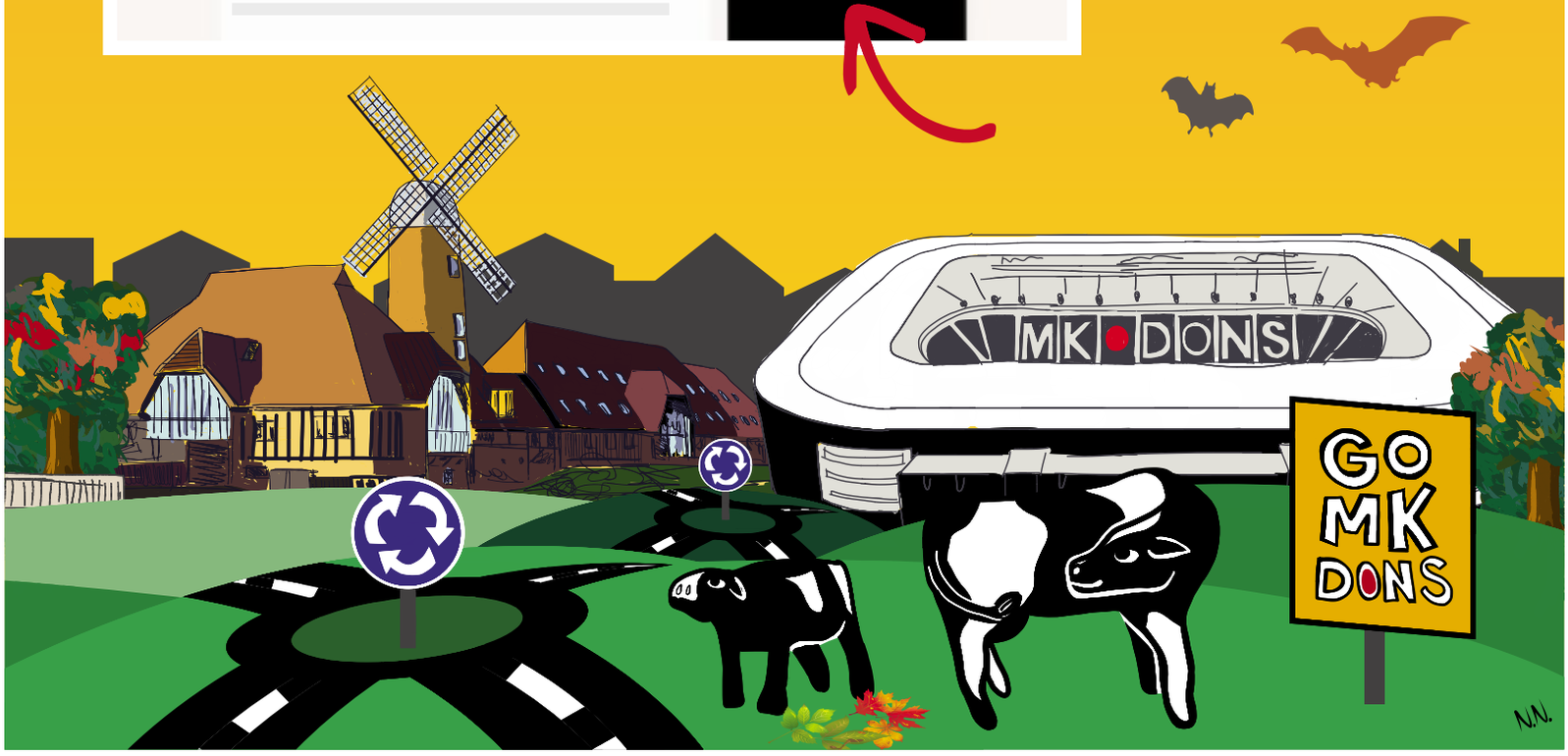

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